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UNIVERSITY ATHLETES.

Some of the Men Who Will Represent Harvard and Yale in London.

(Associated Press.)

Cambridge, Mass., June 16.—The representatives of the Harvard and Yale teams, who will meet the athletes of Oxford and Cambridge in London on July 20th, have been chosen, with the exception of those who will compete in the quarter-mile run and the hammer-throwing. The American contestants so far decided upon are as follows: One hundred yard dash, Stick, Harvard, and Terry, Yale; half-mile running, De

YOUNG, HARVARD, AND PARSONS, YALE;

Young, Harvard, and Parsons, Yale; mile run, Olcott and Hill, Yale; two mile run, King and Colwell, Harvard; 120 yard hurdle, Bird, Harvard, and Clapp, Yale; high jump, Murphy, Harvard, and Victor, Yale; broad jump, Hayes, Harvard, and Sheffield, Yale.

OCEAN RATE WAR.

(Associated Press.)

London, June 1.—The Daily Chronicle says it understands there is likelihood of the government offering its friendly offices to terminate the steamship companies' rate war by the arbitration of the president of the board of trade.

ONE THOUSAND MAY HAVE PERISHED

Latest Estimate of Loss of Life Through the Burning of the Excursion Steamer General Slocum.

(Associated Press.)

New York, June 16.—When the dread tale of the General Slocum disaster is fully told, when the last blackened body has been taken from the burned hull and the swift waters of Hell Gate give up their dead, the catastrophe will take its place as the most appalling that has ever occurred in the inland waters of America.

Definite figures on the loss of life cannot yet be given. That more than 500 persons perished is a horrible certainty, but how much in excess of that number the total will run will only be known when the "missing" column is finished. All during the night and through the early part of to-day the sad work of exploring the Slocum's hull went on, and the sad procession of ambulances, each

With Its Pitiful Load,

wound it way from the river front to the morgue at the foot of 26th street until at noon 504 bodies lay on the slabs.

Most of these came from the wreck, but the night-long patrol of the waters of East river added its ghastly quota. There are many bodies still in the hold of the burned vessel, according to the divers and wreckers, but the river is looked to complete the list.

How many, preferring death by drowning to the agony of death by fire, went over the rail, never to rise again during the mad race of the vessel for the beach, will probably never be known.

Estimates of Dead.

New York, June 16.—After an all night search, with the aid of professional divers, at North Brother Island for victims of the ill-fated General Slocum, which was burned yesterday, five hundred and four bodies had been recovered up to noon to-day. Of this number 116 had been identified. The number of missing is estimated in the vicinity of 400. During the day yesterday 208 people were taken to the hospital. After treatment it was found in many cases that the injuries were not serious enough to prevent their going home, and they were allowed to depart. Some of these who remain in the hospital, however, are still in a critical condition.

The centre of interest of the General Slocum disaster last night was the morgue.

All Night Long

crowds of people visited the building with entreaties for a chance to try and make identifications. The estimates of the number of dead given by officials vary exceedingly. Dr. Darlington, the president of the board of health, who remained at North Brother Island for a great portion of the night, gave at his estimate of the total as 1,200 with possibilities of 1,250. Inspector Brooks, who had been at the scene since a few minutes after the accident, placed the number at nearly 1,000.

A particularly sad accident during the night was the attempt at suicide of a grief-stricken mother at the morgue. This woman, Mrs. Lena Reckanski, of 337 Fifth street, went to the morgue to try to find her little daughter, Wanda, who was missing and

Found a Body

which she identified as that of her child. Wandering from the morgue she walked down the string piece of the pier and attempted to throw herself into the river. She had been watched, however, and a policeman seized her in time to save her life. She was taken to Bellevue hospital.

Pastor Haas, of St. Mark's Lutheran church, is completely prostrated. He has been unconscious most of the time since the disaster, and under the constant care of a physician. His condition is critical. His son did not go on the excursion. Besides his wife and daughter, his mother-in-law, Mrs. Carl Hansen, and his sister-in-law, Mrs. William Tetimore, were drowned. Mrs. Tetimore's daughter, Edith, two years, is also lost.

Assistant District Attorney Carven has

Placed Under Seal

a dozen life preservers, taken from the General Slocum. Of these only three are intact. The rest had burst compartments, from which the cork is pouring. The canvas coverings of the cork were so rotten that an assistant of Mr. Carven, who made the experiment, had no difficulty in ripping them open with his finger nail.

Brought into the Alexander avenue police station and tagged as one of the unidentified dead, Clara Hartman was revived while she was lying in the improvised morgue. A woman searching among the dead for a relative noticed that the girl was breathing, and called

an ambulance surgeon, who found that there

Were Signs of Life.

After the surgeon had worked over her for half an hour she opened her eyes, and she was then hurried to Lincoln hospital. There it was found that the girl had been severely burned, but that she might recover. She could remember nothing of the awful events of the day.

The body of Miss Hartman was picked up by one of the fleet of rescuing boats, which was already filled with a cargo of dead. There being no space for the body of Miss Hartman it was fastened to a rope and towed astern of the launch and was lifted to a pier on the Manhattan head of the river. On the wharf a man, coming from a neighboring coal yard carrying a tarpaulin, wrapped Miss Hartman in it, and helped to place her in line with the row of dead. One of the several vehicles pressed into service for the transportation of the dead from the docks to the station houses conveyed Miss Hartman to the Alexander station, where the unknown woman made the discovery that life still existed. At the hospital to-day it was stated that Miss Hartman was improving.

The preliminary investigation into the Cause of the Disaster,

which was begun by Coroner Berry last night, was continued to-day. Every person known to have witnessed the tragedy or thought to have any knowledge that would be of value in fixing the cause of responsibility had been summoned to appear and tell their stories.

Many members of the crew, all of whom the coroner believes could have given important testimony, have disappeared, but subpoenas have been issued, and detectives were making a thorough search of the city for the missing ones. The coroner started to-day before the examination of witnesses was begun, that nothing final was expected from the preliminary investigation. It was merely for the purpose of weeding the material from the immaterial testimony and reducing the matter to a firm working basis.

The scenes at the bureau of information, which has been established in St. Mark's Lutheran church to-day, were

Pathetic in the Extreme.

There is a constant stream of people, and now and again as some one is informed that the loved one for whom he or she is seeking is among the dead, a cry of grief is heard.

At the morgue, from midnight until after sunrise to-day, the work of arranging the hundreds of unidentified bodies which were being brought down from North Brother island all night progressed uninterruptedly. The sleepless eyes of stricken men and women on the dock at the foot of east 26th street watched every move of the city officials. The scenes at the morgue and at the docks where the relief boats came in laden with their ghastly freight were heartrending, and beyond any possibility of description. Men and women, who had waited for hours, swayed between fear and hope, gave way to bitter grief when at last the bodies of their loved ones were found among the piles of dead.

Lying side by side were two women

Clasping Their Infant Babies

in their arms. A pathetic figure among the searchers and watchers was 16-year-old Fred Hartung, the sole survivor of a family of six, who went on the ill-fated excursion. His father and four sisters have not been heard from since the Slocum went down off North Brother island. The boy saved himself by jumping to a tug.

All through the night and to-day divers and men with grappling hooks worked from tugs about the sunken wreck of the General Slocum, bringing up the bodies of the victims. As a diver would bring up a body a grappling hook was placed under it and it was raised to the deck of a tug. Some of the bodies

Were Beyond Recognition.

When several bodies were recovered, another tug, from which divers were not working, would pull alongside and the dead be transferred. How many dead lie in the charred and sunken hull cannot even be estimated until every nook and corner of the hull has been gone over by the divers.

At sunrise to-day two divers came to the surface. In the arms of one were two little girls clasped in each other's arms. Their hair was the same color and their dresses were alike, indicating that they were sisters. The other diver had in his arms the body of a young woman which had been found with those of the little girls. In her hand was still clasped the dress of one of the children, and the divers thought that she was their mother, and had gone to death with them.

A Parish in Mourning.

New York, June 16.—Unlike the Ironquists theatre and other great entertainment centres of recent years, where the woe of the disaster reached throughout the land, the blow of the Slocum's mortality falls practically upon one little neigh-

borhood of a great city, St. Mark's parish, which furnished nearly every victim. It lies within ten blocks of the middle east side, and therein to-day there is hardly a house that is not one of mourning. The membership of the little Lutheran church is practically German or of German descent, of a comparatively well-to-do class.

The race of the burning steamer from the moment the fire was discovered until her bows crashed on the shelving beach of North Brother island was little more than ten minutes, yet that time sufficed for

Deeds of Heroism

which make the one bright chapter in the heart-rending story. Brave men, devoted mothers, and youths of tender years contributed their part to the roll of heroic acts. There were rescues in the face of almost certain death, and useless but exalted self-sacrifices for the dear ones.

The credit for the greatest saving of life is due to the hardy tugboat men and other followers of the river, who braved the flames and held the noses of their boats at the fire wrapped steamer until driven off by the awful heat, scorched and choking.

But there is a darker side hinted at along the river front where are told stories that seem to be the inevitable accompaniment of all great calamities. There has been no evidence of a character specific enough to fasten it upon individuals and permit of punishments, but survivors and eye witnesses say that brutal acts of

Selfishness and Cowardice

on the part of the Slocum's crew were seen and that distress signals from the burning boat were disregarded by passing craft.

One man avows that a big white yacht passed the Slocum when the bodies of women and children were going overboard and did not even slacken speed. According to this man the yacht flew the pennant of the New York Yacht Club and a flag indicating that the owner was on board, and after passing the Slocum she started over to the western shore and hove to, while on her a man with binoculars to his eyes watched the vessel burning.

Sympathy From England.

London, June 16.—The morning newspapers publish long descriptive accounts of the terrible disaster at New York to the excursion steamer General Slocum, and in their editorials express the keen sense of sympathy with the American people in the terrible accident which, for grim and mournful contrast between merriment and tragedy, is considered to stand almost without precedent.

BORDEN'S REPORT ON DUNDONALD CASE

GROSS VIOLATION OF MILITARY REGULATIONS

Paper Presented to Dominion Parliament—Did Not Complain to Minister of Militia.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, June 16.—Sir Frederick Borden's report to the council on the Dundonald case, which has been presented to parliament, is an able state paper showing that Lord Dundonald violated constitutional government and smashed military discipline in the most reckless way. Lord Dundonald, although in the same building as himself, never complained or reported to him, but went to Montreal and ventilated his grievance at a banquet. Sir F. Borden quotes military regulations showing that Lord Dundonald grossly violated all of them. On this report the order in council was passed.

A Presentation.

R. L. Borden, the leader of the opposition, reached his fortieth year to-day. The event was handsomely remembered by his followers in the House and in the Senate. They gathered in the old railway committee room to-day, and being called to order by Colonel Hughes, Sir Mackenzie Bowell, on behalf of Conservative Senators and members, presented Mr. Borden with a handsome case of cutlery, forks and spoons. There were 250 pieces in the case. F. D. Monk spoke for the House. Several other speakers followed.

BANDIT'S DEMANDS.

Moorish Officials Will Probably Agree to Ransoms Terms.

(Associated Press.)

London, June 16.—The Tangier correspondent of the Times says the Moorish officials will probably feel bound to agree to the new demands made by Ransul for the release of Ian Percival, an American citizen, and Cromwell Varley, a British subject, whom he recently kidnapped.

Gradually Giving Way.

Tangier, June 16.—Two of Ransul's followers, who were imprisoned at Larache, have arrived here. This is considered another proof that the government is gradually complying with all conditions proposed by the bandit.

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THE RUSSIANS SINK JAP TRANSPORTS

Were Destroyed by the Vladivostock Squadron—Five Hundred and Fifty Survivors Have Reached Japan.

(Associated Press.)

Tokio, June 16.—10.30 a.m.—The transport Hino, which has returned to Moji, reports that she encountered the Russian Vladivostock squadron at 11.20 a.m. yesterday twenty miles west of the island of Shiro, of the Iki group. The transports Hitachi, 6,172 tons, and the Sado, 6,223 tons, were seen two miles to the westward. The weather was foggy and the sea was calm.

When the Hino sighted the Russian fleet she turned, ran and signalled a warning to the Kanazawa, and they both took refuge inside the Island Chiyi. Both signalled danger to the Ibi, which also escaped. The Hino saw the Hitachi and Sado surrounded by the Russian vessels, but their fate is unknown. The loss of life will be heavy.

Sunk by Russian Ships.

Tokio, June 16.—6 p.m.—All doubt as to the sinking of the transports Hitachi and Sado by the Russians has been removed.

Three hundred and ninety-seven survivors of the Hitachi have arrived at Moji, and one hundred and fifty-three survivors of the Sado have arrived at Kokura.

Details of the destruction of the two transports and the full extent of casualties are not obtainable.

CAPTURED AFTER FIERCE FIGHTING.

London, June 16.—A dispatch to the Central News from Tokio, says that the Japanese, after fierce fighting, yesterday captured Telsun, between Kaichau and Pulandien. The Russians lost six guns and many regimental colors.

THE RUSSIANS LOST FIVE HUNDRED KILLED.

Tokio, June 16.—In the fight which is reported to have taken place at Telsun on the railroad about 80 miles north of Port Arthur, the Russians lost 500 men killed, 100 prisoners and 15 guns. The casualties on the Japanese side are estimated at 1,000 men killed and wounded.

MANY OFFICERS

AMONG THE DEAD.

St. Petersburg, June 16.—The Emperor has received the following dispatch, dated June 15th, from General Kourapatkin:

"An engagement occurred on June 14th at Wafang Tien, north of Port Arthur, with a Japanese force, numbering at least two divisions.

"Our losses in killed include Col. Chastomov, commander of the First Regiment of Eastern Siberian Rifles of Your Majesty, and Second Lieut. Dragoskaf Nadochinsky, adjutant of the regiment. "The wounded include Major-General Gungross, who remained in the field, and Captain Krinsky, of the general staff. Twenty officers, whose names at present are unknown, were also killed or wounded, besides 311 soldiers, of which the First Regiment, Siberian Rifles, lost twelve officers and 200 men, and First Brigade of Artillery, six officers and 50 men.

"The following night was quiet until 2 a.m., when a fusillade began on our right flank. The firing soon slackened.

"At 5.30 in the morning the Japanese artillery opened on the left. Shortly before this our cavalry discovered on our right flank, southward of Tafanchou, of a considerable force of the enemy. The Japanese infantry opened fire on our cavalry occupying the heights between Tafanchou and Lanchou on the edge of a wood. Towards 6.30 the enemy, consisting of a regiment of infantry with artillery, attacked from these woods. At the same time the cannonade of our left flank became heavier.

"At 6.30 General Baron Stakelberg passed with part of his force to the attack, turning the right flank of the enemy towards Wafang Tien and Hunchow and directing the other part of his force against the enemy's front.

"Towards 10 in the morning the enemy sent a brigade of infantry, cavalry and a battery of artillery against our right flank, and having repulsed our detachments of cavalry, proceeded through Hunchow, turning the right flank of our position.

"Gen. Stakelberg at 10.30 in the evening advanced his reserves to check this movement. According to information received, the enemy, during the morning of June 15th brought up considerable reinforcements, and as the main Japanese force consists of upwards of three divisions." The dispatch breaks off at this point.

BIG LAND BATTLE STILL IN PROGRESS.

St. Petersburg, June 16.—1.32 p.m.—The result of the battle at Wafangow (north of Port Arthur), which has now been in progress for three days, is awaited here with breathless interest.

The loss on the Russian side of over 300 on Tuesday shows that the fighting has been of a most desperate character, and that General Kourapatkin's report this morning proves that both armies are

determined to force matters to a decisive issue.

The public has been considerably elated by the news of the success which thus far has attended the expedition of the Vladivostock squadron to the straits of Korea, and should Gen. Stakelberg win a victory over Gen. Nouron land it would make the deepest impression.

Already there is much talk of his success, but the war office prudently advises caution against the acceptance of irresponsible dispatches in the absence of official news from either side.

Kourapatkin's dispatch brought the report up to 2.30 yesterday afternoon, but stopped at the most critical point of the battle when Stakelberg was making an attempt to turn his right wing by a similar movement around Nouron's left flank. Stakelberg's reserves had already been brought up, and the Japanese had been heavily reinforced.

This dispatch was received by the Emperor yesterday afternoon, but through a blunder in transmission the war commission did not receive it until this morning.

Nothing further has reached the war office up to this hour.

Exactly what portion of Stakelberg's corps was engaged at Wafangow is not known.

The operations leading up to the battle of Wafangow date back to June 11th, when two Japanese divisions, one commanded by Gen. Nouron, advanced from the Potanien-Pitewo line. A skirmish took place the night of June 12th at the village of Ondaden, five miles west of Wafang Tien, and another skirmish occurred near the village of Lidia Tien, ten miles east of Ondaden.

The Japanese were repulsed but the Russian advance posts retired.

On June 13th two Japanese divisions were five miles north of the scene of the skirmish, their left wing resting on the village of Vafangow and their right on the valley of the Tassu. After a day's rest the enemy advanced fifteen miles on June 14th and attacked the Russian position four miles south of Vafangow.

RUMORED DEFEAT OF GEN. STAKELBERG.

St. Petersburg, June 16.—6.10 p.m.—It is rumored throughout the city that Gen. Stakelberg has sustained a disastrous defeat at Wafangow and that his retreat is being cut off.

IMMENSE TRENCH AROUND PORT ARTHUR.

Chefoo, June 16.—5 p.m.—Eight junks arrived here today from Port Arthur, all of them loaded with Chinese. They left that town yesterday. Up to that time the conditions there were unchanged.

Small skirmishes are reported continually here, and the Japanese ships throw a few shells into the city, around which the Russians have just completed an immense trench.

JAPS MARCHING TO ATTACK THE RUSSIANS.

Newchwang, June 16.—3 a.m.—Firing has been heard distinctly in the direction of Kaichau since 10 o'clock last night. Two batteries of artillery rushed through town at midnight.

The second division of General Kuraki's army was reported to be marching towards Kaichau yesterday afternoon for the purpose of taking the enemy in the rear.

It is positively known that Russian forces in the vicinity of Kaichau are divided. Half are at Kaichau and the remainder about twenty miles east of there. The entire force numbers 35,000 men, including 600 Cossacks.

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THE RUSSIANS FLED IN DISORDER

REPORTED TO HAVE LOST ONE THOUSAND

Gen. Stakelberg Says Hundreds of Japanese Were Killed During Fight on Tuesday.

London, June 16.—A dispatch to the Daily Express from Tokyo, dated June 15th, says news has been received there, but has not yet been officially published, of a great Japanese victory near Fuchou on the railway, 70 miles south of Port Arthur. The Russians, it is added, were overwhelmed and lost 1,000 men, left all their guns on the field and retired in disorder.

LEFT HUNDREDS DEAD NEAR TRENCHES.

St. Petersburg, June 15.—General Stakelberg, through the army headquarters at Harbin, reports a desperate battle with the Japanese, in which both sides lost heavily, and the Russian general, Gurov, was severely wounded. The report was made public here last night, and confirms reports already telegraphed in part by correspondents in the field.

At mid-day on Tuesday an entire division of Japanese made a desperate attack on the left flank of the Russian position at Vafangou, sixty miles above Kichou. They attacked in three columns, and after shelling the Russians with heavy artillery, made a desperate bayonet charge in the face of a heavy fire from rapid-fire guns and musketry.

The desperation of the Japanese charge is shown by the fact that some of them succeeded in getting within a few yards of the Russian trenches before being shot down. They were finally compelled to retire, leaving fully 300 dead behind.

The first Siberian rifles bore the brunt of the attack, and their losses were very heavy. Their colonel, Knyazov, fell almost in the first line. Two majors and a number of officers were picked off by the Japanese sharpshooters, whose fire was unusually accurate and deadly. Gen. Gurov was shot just as the Japanese attacking column broke and fled. He was picked up and hurried to the rear, where it was stated that his injuries are very serious and may prove mortal.

A report was also received from Gen. Kharkevich telling of the battle between the outposts at Ulaton last Saturday. He states that the Japanese attacked from the front and flank early in the afternoon, and fighting raged until late. Finally the Japanese were driven back and the Russians followed up their advantage under cover of the night.

Just before dawn the Russians charged the heights of Liao Tung, carrying the Japanese position with a loss of four killed and eighteen wounded. General Kharkevich also reports that his scouts have reported to him that a Japanese column numbering 3,000 men is marching toward Haeyensan.

RUSSIAN LOSSES IN TUESDAY'S FIGHT.

London, June 15.—The correspondent of the Central News at Liao Yang telegraphs as follows: "Fighting at Vafangou, about 55 miles north of Port Arthur, was renewed today, and is still proceeding. No details are obtainable, but there are persistent rumors that the Russians were successful in destroying three squadrons of cavalry and making prisoners of 60 men."

"The Russian casualties in the fighting yesterday were 308 men killed or wounded. The Japanese loss is not known."

JAPANESE SHIPS PURSUING RUSSIANS.

Tokio, June 16.—0 a.m.—Although it

AWFUL SCENES ON BURNING STEAMER

PANIC FOLLOWED OUTBREAK OF FIRE

Further Particulars of the Destruction of the Excursion Steamer General Slocum.

New York, June 15.—The magnificent three-decked excursion steamer General Slocum, of the Knickerbocker Steamboat Company, was burned to the water's edge off North Brother Island, East river, at the entrance to Long Island Sound, today, resulting in the death, through burning or drowning, of at least 600 persons, mostly women and children. Four hundred and ninety-eight bodies had been recovered to-day, and divers were at work taking bodies from the hold of the steamer. The remains of many persons who leaped into the river have not yet been found, and it will be many hours before the list of dead is anywhere near complete.

The General Slocum, one of the largest excursion steamers in these waters, left New York at 10:30 a.m. for a Sunday school excursion of St. Mark's German Lutheran church, located on Sixth street. Her destination was Locust Grove, one of the many resorts on Long Island Sound. The excursion was in charge of Rev. Geo. C. Haas, pastor of the church. The vessel was commanded by Captain Wm. Van Schaake, one of the best known excursion boat captains in New York harbor. He has commanded the General Slocum for almost the entire time since she was built in 1891.

The number of excursionists on board is variously estimated at from 1,500 to 2,000, but according to an official statement issued by the Knickerbocker Steamship Company, owners of the Slocum, the number of passengers was 573, that being one-third of the vessel's licensed capacity.

The Slocum had reached a point near the Sunken Meadows, off 13th street, Manhattan, which is at the extreme eastern end of Randall's Island, when fire broke out in a lunch room on the forward deck. The blaze was caused by the overturning of a pot of grease. The headway of the vessel and a high wind almost instantly fanned the insignificant flame into one of fury. Efforts were at once directed to subduing the fire, but they were futile; the blaze spread aft with almost lightning rapidity.

Capt. Van Schaake, who was in the pilot house, had been informed of the outbreak of the fire, and, realizing the danger to the hundreds of excursionists, decided to send his vessel to shore at 134th street. At this point there are a number of lumber yards and several huge oil tanks, and the captain was warned that to attempt to land at this point would endanger the property and perhaps further imperil the scores of people who had already been frightened into a state of almost uncontrollable excitement. Changing the big steamer's course slightly, he headed her for North Brother Island, half a mile away. By this time the flames were rushing by leaps and bounds from the forward part of the ship.

The great open decks, built for excursionists, with little obstruction from how to stern, offered a clear sweep for the fire. As the Slocum dashed on, the flames caught the stanchions and cabin woodwork, eating and tearing their way across the vessel. The excursionists, but a few moments before in the full enjoyment of an ideal summer's day on Long Island Sound, were driven to the fore part of the steamer to escape the heat of the flames and smoke, which were constantly increasing. Policemen and deckhands aboard the boat struggled hard to stop the panic, but their efforts were in vain.

The wild disorder increased as frantic mothers sought to find their children, who had been playing about the decks. The steamer's whistle was blowing for assistance, and tugs and other nearby craft answered to the call. Before any of the boats could reach the burning steamer, however, the frantic women and children began to jump overboard. The current was strong and there are many whirlpools in the channel. The boats that were following the Slocum picked up many from the water, but these were only a small number of those that were seen struggling in the swift current.

The life-preservers were too securely fastened to their holdings to be available, and stories are told of frantic efforts made by strong men to cut them loose, but even if they could have been torn down they were too high up for the children to reach. It is also alleged that no attempt was made to get out the fire apparatus at the first cry of "fire," though Capt. Van Schaake says that he immediately rang the bells for getting out the apparatus. According to several statements, no attempt was made to lower boats or life rafts.

The race to North Brother Island was horribly dramatic. It was made while the flames, which had been fanned into a fury by the wind, were consuming hundreds of persons, old and young. The scene was one of frightful panic, with women and children jumping overboard and being lashed by the channel whirlpools against the side of the vessel. Women and children were crowded together on the hurricane deck, which was being burned away and fell, and it is believed that most of those on this deck were burned.

The after rail gave way and the passengers who had crowded against it were pushed into the river. Mothers and children became separated, and frantically sought each other, while in several cases, fathers and mothers, gathering their children together, jumped with them into the water. Little children, holding each other by the hand, jumped together, and afterwards were found clasped in each others arms. It is alleged that men fought with women to escape, resulting in the tramping under foot of scores of children.

Capt. Van Schaake and his two pilots, Edward Van Wart and Edward M. Weaver, have been arrested. Through all the wild panic, during all that fight with fire and smoke surrounding them, the officers and men of the doomed boat remained at their posts, but they were powerless to avert the catastrophe. The Slocum got within 50 feet of the northwest point of North Brother Island, and there stopped in the shallow water. It was just before she beached that the hurricane deck, the supports of which had burned away, fell with its load of women and children, adding to the panic and horror of those on the deck below. Very soon the after part of the second and third decks also caved in. Just before this happened, the tug Walter Tracey had come along side the burning steamer and been lashed to it. Many of the passengers were taken off by the crew of the Tracey, which remained alongside the steamer until the tug pilot house took fire.

The point where the Slocum was beached was just off the scarlet fever ward of the North Brother Island. The scene on North Brother Island, as described by the witnesses, was a pitiful one, as body after body was washed ashore or brought in by boats and added to the long row on the beach. Fifty-three persons died there while the others were attending to them. Bodies of living and dead were taken out of the water. Those alive were taken to the hospitals on the island or across the river to hospitals in Manhattan. Here ambulances from almost all the hospitals in Greater New York and every other sort of conveyance which could be found were put into service.

For hours the bodies of the burned and the drowned drifted ashore on the island, and between 31st street and 138th street in Manhattan some came still alive. Many of these died, but others will recover.

The Slocum burned to the water's edge at 12:25 o'clock, two hours after she was discovered. It is estimated there were then nearly 100 charred bodies on her decks. Just after the steamer sank the water nearby was black with bodies.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Representatives of the Dominion and Alaska lines and of the Canadian Pacific conferred at Liverpool on Tuesday. They determined to meet the White Star line's crew by making a 50-shilling rate for third-class fares to Quebec and Montreal.

Two sharks of Benin Star have been imprisoned by the governor of Tangier. This fulfils another of Raulin's conditions for the release of his captives, Messrs. Perdicaris and Varley. The sharks imprisoned are two who helped to treacherously capture Raulin some time ago.

Woolman, 49, aged 69 years, surrendered at Kansas City on Wednesday, saying he had killed John Edwards, a railway brakeman, at Deer Lodge, Mont., nineteen years ago. Miles said that a man named Murphy had been sentenced to life imprisonment for the crime and is now serving the time in the Montana penitentiary.

Governor Peabody on Wednesday issued an order declaring martial law in San Miguel county, Colo., at an end, directing the release of the troops from duty and instructing Captain Bulkeley Wells, in command of the troops, to turn over to the civil authorities President Charles H. Moyer, of the Western Federation of Miners, now held a prisoner in the "bull pen" at Telluride.

Foot Elm Cures Foot Troubles One of the worst kinds of trouble a person can have is trouble with the feet. Some folk are afflicted with feet that itch, burn, ache or tingle. Others have feet that swell, sweat excessively and offensively, blister or chafe, others again are troubled with painful corns and bunions.

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CANADIAN DISPATCHES.

Girl Dies From Effects of Burns—Farm Hand Fatally Injured.

Schreiber, Ont., June 15.—The three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christie died yesterday from the effects of burns.

Session Concluded.

Edmonton, N. W. T., June 15.—Allen labor inquiry session here has been concluded. The evidence showed that the minority of applicants for positions were Canadians.

Gas Gusher.

Winnipeg, June 15.—At a thousand feet in a town well at Medicine Hat a wonderful gas gusher was struck today. It is estimated that a million and a half cubic feet of gas are coming out daily.

The Crops.

Winnipeg, June 15.—Premier Roblin returned to the city today from a flying trip to Calgary. "Crops are looking fine. All along my trip I noticed the country is in beautiful shape," he said.

Fatally Injured.

Winnipeg, June 15.—James Brogan, employee of almost a dozen firms in St. Jean, Manitoba, was fatally injured in a fall from a wagon. He came here from Dumfries, Scotland, recently.

Trial in Progress.

Regina, N. W. T., June 15.—The mail robbery case proceeded this morning before Justice McLeod. Various mail clerks between Moose Jaw, Calgary and Vancouver, gave evidence as to a clerk of the Vancouver post office and one of the Bank of Hamilton, at Vancouver. Nothing new was elicited by the evidence given. About ten witnesses were examined.

KOUROPATKIN'S COFFIN.

Carries It With Him in the Present Campaign—A Remarkable Story.

The Baltimore American recently had the following: "Mr. Adam F. Kantor, editor of Polonia, the Polish weekly newspaper, is in close touch with what is going on in the Far East, and scarcely a week passes but what he receives an interesting letter from the front. In one of the letters the writer says that among the baggage of General Kourapatkin is a burial casket, on which is a silver plate with his full name—Aleksiej Nekoloz Kourapatkin—engraved on it. The reason for his carrying the casket is given that he confidently expects to be killed before the war is over. Some months ago, it is said, he had a dream that he was killed in a battle, and that his body was so badly mangled that he was not identified, and was buried in a trench with the privates. This dream was so vivid that when he went to the front he told his family and friends that he would not return alive. The carrying of the casket is said to have a very disheartening effect on the troops, but nothing can change the general's mind."

The Original Corn Cure.

THE FIRST EVER MANUFACTURED. AND TO-DAY THE LARGEST SELLER IS PUTNAM'S PAINLESS CORN EXTRACTOR.

Nearly half a century ago "Putnam's" was first introduced to the public. Owning to merit, its sale now extends over Great Britain, United States and Canada, wherever English speaking people are found. The success of Putnam's Extractor is due to its superiority over substitutes and its ability to cure any kind of corn or wart without pain. If you have not tried Putnam's, you've missed a good thing. It's guaranteed and costs a quarter a bottle. Get it from your druggist.

The largest tree in the Eastern hemisphere, if not in the world, is a monetan cypress standing at the foot of Mount Etna. The circumference of the main trunk at 60 feet from the ground is 212 feet.

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Will soon be here. Have you decided where to buy your supplies? We are prepared to give you the greatest assortment of Camping Supplies to be had in the province at the CHEAPEST PRICE.

The preserving season will be here in a few days, so leave your orders for Berries and Fruit Jars. To-day we offer you

Veal, Ham, Chicken, Beef, Lamb, each..... 15¢
Armour's "Veribest" Devilled Ham, each..... 15¢
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The only place in the city to get Bass XXXX Lamb's Wool English Burton Ale. On draught at the Clarence bar.

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J. B. Atkinson, M. E., has returned from a visit to the Bentley Iron Mining Company's property on Bugaboo creek. He confirms the report of W. Price, formerly at the head of the Ironstone mine, to the effect that the deposits are the richest on the coast.

A letter was received a few days ago from Walter Kurtz, a former compositor on the staff of the Colonist and a well known resident of this city, who is now in Nome. Mr. Kurtz is the proprietor of a newspaper published in that city, and is doing well.

Victoria Lodge, Knights of Pythias, meet this evening in Castle Hall, when degrees will be conferred on a number of applicants. The committee on Memorial day will report arrangements for the ceremony, which will take place on Sunday next.

There will be a general meeting of the sub-committees of the Victoria West Municipal Voters' Association this evening, when a programme of work will be drafted from the various reports presented, outlining the campaign on which the new organization will set to work.

Special commodity rates on the C. P. R. Company's Dawson freight service will be effective on and after July 1st. They will apply to all staple groceries and produce. The rate from Victoria will be \$2.75 per hundred weight, which is 25c. less than the rate now charged.

The funeral of the late Joseph Temple took place this afternoon from the parlors of W. J. Hanna. Rev. W. Baugh Allen conducted services. Many beautiful floral tributes were presented and the following acted as pallbearers: J. Fry, E. Fry, W. Temple, J. McIntosh, Alexander Jack and Isaac Walsh.

The steamship Kanagawa Maru is due here from Japan on Tuesday next. She has been the only ship of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line to have been placed on the American route this far since service has been suspended, although it is anticipated that others will follow. The steamer has a total of 168 passengers.

Wm. Briggs, the Toronto publisher, in writing D. W. Higgins in reference to his forthcoming book, says: "The stories are unique in our literature. There is nothing like them in descriptions of early times. The United States possess a flood of stories of their early days. You will be our Bret Harte. There are some dramatic and exciting situations. One we were reading this morning, 'The Saint and the Sinner,' is very stirring."

In the inquiry touching the death of W. D. Ross at Vancouver, the chief person interrogated was Detective John McLean, who had been with deceased between 8 and 10 o'clock on Sunday night. He had told him that he expected to meet a client at 8, but he had not turned up. McLean afterwards went with him to his office, and last saw him on Cordova street west at about 10 o'clock. At that time he was walking east. The acting coroner, Dr. Munro, said that from what he could learn, the only conclusion he could come to was that deceased had walked the wrong way in the night, and had come to his death by accidental drowning.

"The general hospital board of Bellingham are congratulating themselves upon their good fortune in securing as head nurse and assistant matron Miss Annie B. Hamilton, who left Victoria for the Sound city to-day to enter upon the duties of her new and important position. Miss Hamilton, whose home was formerly in Vancouver, graduated at the Jubilee hospital after the prescribed course of training, receiving the gold medal attesting proficiency, after passing the examination with distinction, on the 24th of last month. Making a special study and care of surgical work it is not surprising that the Bellingham board have also seen fit to appoint her to full charge of the operating room, in addition to her other responsible duties. The practitioners of Victoria greatly regret Miss Hamilton's departure, as they esteem her an unusually capable and dependable coadjutor, but join in congratulating their Bellingham brethren upon their good fortune in securing her."—Vancouver World.

Favorable reports are received from the Cascade copper mine, Alberta. There are 80 tons of sacked ore on the dump and a shipment to the smelter is shortly to be made, just as soon as a tramway line now being constructed has been completed.

Smith & Champion, upholsters, etc., 100 Douglas street, have a nice line of campers' woven wire and canvas cots, mattresses, pillows, etc.

The tonic-sofa concert to be given by the children of the Hillside school in the assembly room of North Ward school to-morrow afternoon commences at 2:30 o'clock. It is expected a large attendance will be present, and the proceeds realized for the benefit of Hillside school will be substantial. The two-part singing introduced by the little ones will be an interesting feature, and their proficiency will be a surprise to many of the parents attending.

The Grand theatre has been drawing constantly increasing audiences this week with its superior programme, which has not a weak spot in it. The strong tenor, of course, Messrs. Boulton and Worley, of whose vocal music on the violin the audiences never seem to have enough. As a matter of fact, however, each act on the bill is so much above what people are accustomed to see in a popular priced place of amusement that all seem to please equally well, opinion being divided as to the respective merits.

The C. P. R. Company purpose providing a special service between this city and Vancouver on Dominion Day, when a single fare will be charged for the round trip to all excursionists visiting the Terminal City. Arrangements for the service have not yet been completed, but, according to present expectations, the Charmer will leave here at 1 o'clock on the morning of the 1st and will be followed by the Princess Victoria, sailing on her regular schedule, and probably the Princess Beatrice, which will be leaving for the north about that time.

A meeting of the Methodist Sunday School Union was held in the league room of the Metropolitan church on Tuesday evening, when final arrangements were made for the annual picnic to be held at Langford plains, July 1st. The sports committee reported having arranged for a first class programme of sports, including football, baseball, tug-of-war, running races and baby show. The prize committee also reported to the effect that in the neighborhood of eighty prizes had been secured for the winners in the different contests. The picnic this year promises to be the most successful yet held.

A meeting of what is to be known as the Victoria Property Owners' Association is called for this afternoon to take place in the city hall at 4 o'clock, when the constitution and by-laws will be considered and officers elected. The object of the association is "to secure the fullest representation of property interests on the voters' lists and at the polls; to promote the interests of owners and occupiers of property with a view of preventing injurious legislation and unfair or excessive taxation; to afford assistance in securing amendments to the laws which bear unduly on property interests and for such other purposes as may appear desirable."

The usual fortnightly meeting of Alexandra Lodge, S. O. E. B. S., was held last night in K. of P. hall. A large number of members were present, and a new member was added to the roll. A hearty invitation from Pride of the Island Lodge to attend a smoker, to be given by them on the 21st inst., was received and accepted with thanks. An invitation from Loyal Orange Lodge to attend their annual church parade, which takes place on Sunday, July 10th, was also read. It was decided to participate in the parade. It was also decided by the lodge to send a delegate to the grand lodge meeting at Montreal in August. Delegates were also appointed to visit to the lodge in the organization of another lodge. After all business was dealt with the worthy president introduced Bro. Raynes, representative of the grand lodge, who spoke at some length.

At the request of many who were delighted with the performance on Tuesday night, Gilbert and Sullivan's popular opera, "The Pirates of Penzance," will be reproduced in the A. O. U. W. hall

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No Games With New Westminster Until That Club Re-Enters the League.

All business in connection with the organization of a two-team league between the Vancouver and Victoria clubs was transacted at a special meeting of the British Columbia Amateur Lacrosse Association held last evening. Besides drafting a schedule of home and home games, both the Capital and Terminal City representatives bound themselves to refuse to play exhibition games with New Westminster while that club does not belong to the league.

There were present A. E. Suckling, who occupied the chair, and Messrs. Stark, Hooper, Snyder and Mellis. Before taking up the most important matters for consideration, the report of New Westminster to Victoria's request that they apply for readmission to the league in the interests of the Canadian national game was read. This communication was published in these columns yesterday. It was received and filed.

Mr. Suckling thought that there was nothing further to do but to reorganize. Officers would have to be appointed to the positions held by officials of the Royal City club. In his opinion the office of second vice-president, now that the league only included two teams, could be dispensed with. This was agreed to, and the following officers were appointed: President, A. E. Suckling; vice-president, J. Mellis; secretary-treasurer, S. Peck; executive council, Messrs. Snider, Mellis and Peck (Victoria), Messrs. Quigley, York and Suckling (Vancouver).

This having been completed, the work of drafting a schedule of games was brought up. The chairman submitted an outline of matches for the approval of the delegates, and a committee was appointed to go over the dates suggested and make any changes thought necessary. The following series of games was finally decided upon:

July 1st, Victoria at Vancouver.
July 15th, Vancouver at Victoria.
July 22nd, Victoria at Vancouver.
August 6th, Vancouver at Victoria.
August 20th, Victoria at Vancouver.
September 3rd, Vancouver at Victoria.
September 10th, Victoria at Vancouver.

It was unanimously agreed that the game arranged to be played here on September 3rd between the Victoria and Vancouver teams could be altered to any day convenient to the local club during that week. The idea is that the match might be played on the exhibition grounds, the object of the Victoria delegates being to make it possible to bring the game off as so not to clash with other attractions that may be arranged for the fair.

An interesting discussion followed on the advisability of either Vancouver or Victoria playing exhibition games with the Westminster club, if requested. There was no doubt of the opinion of delegates on this matter. All agreed that the action of the Royal City Association in disorganizing the league was deserving of the severest censure, and none were in favor of assisting that club in any way as long as they refused to come into the association.

E. W. Stark then moved, seconded by Mr. Hooper, "that neither Vancouver or Victoria play exhibition games with Westminster until such time as the New Westminster club is in good standing in the league." This carried without a dissenting voice.

G. Snider introduced the question of Victoria securing assistance from outside players in going to the grounds with Vancouver. He explained that the local team had been weakened considerably by the loss of six or seven men, and that it would be impossible to get together an aggregation to put up a strong game against the "crack" Terminal City team unless some first-class material was obtained. The object of Victoria was to organize a team that would give Vancouver a hard fight for the championship honors. Such a thing would result in the booming of lacrosse both on the Island and Mainland.

Mr. Suckling did not think there would be any objection offered by Vancouver to this proposal. Personally he

would be pleased if Victoria secured a team that could go to Vancouver on Dominion Day and defeat the home team. It would arouse general interest in the competition for the trophy and be in the interests of the game.

A motion was then introduced by Mr. Snider to the effect that the Victoria Lacrosse Club be allowed to draw players in good amateur standing from outside points for league games should the necessity arise. This carried.

The appointment of official referees roused some discussion. Those selected followed: C. A. Marpole and E. A. Quigley, of Vancouver; Geo. Tite and Geo. Snider, of Victoria.

Business of minor importance was then considered. Regarding the entrance fees of \$10, which the clubs are required to pay into the association each year, it was decided on motion of Mr. Hooper that these be paid before the 1st of July. Instructions were given to the secretary to write A. Morrison, M. P., of New Westminster, honorary president of the association, asking him to retain that position. This was done because it was thought Mr. Morrison might have some doubt about holding office after the resignation of the Royal City Club.

Mr. Suckling announced that the intention of Vancouver was to arrange for a visit of one of the Eastern league teams to the coast this fall. It was probable the Montreal twelve would make the trip. During their stay in this province exhibition games would be played between the Terminal City aggregation and the visitors.

After assurance had been given Vancouver by the local representatives that Victoria would have a strong team to contest the second league match at the Terminal City on Dominion Day the meeting adjourned.

MEETING TO-NIGHT.
To-night there will be a general meeting of the Victoria Lacrosse Club at the Caledonia grounds. The subject for discussion will be the strengthening of the local twelve for the game scheduled to be played on the 1st of July. It is understood that the Victoria West, James Bay and Central intermediate and junior teams are to be invited to assist in training the senior aggregation. Every evening the first twelve will line up against fifteen or sixteen of the younger players, and those who have seen the latter play will agree that the seniors will be made to hurry in order to win. A full attendance is requested for this evening's meeting.

GAME POSTPONED.

The return match between the James Bay intermediates and Central juniors, announced to take place to-night, has been postponed until next week.

BASEBALL.

CHASE AN ATTRACTION.
"The long-looked-for change in the baseball programme has arrived at last," says Wednesday's Seattle Post-Intelligencer. "The champion Los Angeles team, fresh from victories in California, will trot around this afternoon in the places worn smooth by the Tacoma Tigers during the last century. Young Mr. Chase, the much-touted first baseman, will be the centre of attraction. So much has been said about Mr. Chase that he will naturally be the centre of attraction this afternoon. He has a hard place to fill, because he will be compared with Frank Dillon, who is now playing first base for the Brooklyn club, in the National League. Dillon was a natural born baseball leader."

On Saturday the first of the series of "Puget Sound League" matches will be played between the Victoria and Seattle teams. The game will take place on the Oak Bay grounds, commencing at 2 o'clock. W. Blackburn, the well known local sportsman, will do the refereeing for the home team and McLennan will be found receiving the batters behind the bat.

Capt. Rithet has been kept busy since the reorganization of the team coaching the boys and putting them in condition to capture the honors in the league series. Every player is showing better form at the bat, and the speed of the infield, as well as the reliability of the outfield, is improving steadily. A couple of practices have already been held this week, and the boys will be found playing on the grounds again this evening.

The visiting aggregation will be the strongest that can be organized by Manager Newman. The battery, it is stated, will be exceptionally strong, and the remainder of the nine will comprise players of high standing. There is no doubt that Victoria will have to set a fast and steady pace in order to pull out ahead.

Geo. Smith will act as umpire.

THE OAR.

INVITATION DECLINED.
At a meeting of the rowing committee of the James Bay Athletic Association held on Tuesday evening, the invitation from the Terminal City Rowing Club to send a lapstreak four to race with a similar Vancouver crew was considered. After some discussion it was decided to inform the Vancouver club that it would be impossible to accept the challenge. Neither the senior nor junior four training for the N. P. A. A. O. regatta next month at Portland could get away owing to the nearness of that event, and on account of the regiment camp it was considered useless to endeavor to organize an outside crew that would be sufficiently strong to make an exciting contest.

CRICKET.

R. E. VICTORIOUS.
In a match played yesterday afternoon between the Victoria second eleven and the Royal Engineers on the Work Point

grounds, the soldiers were victorious by a score of 173 to 102. The game was won for the R. E. by Captain Bunsbury and Corporal Simpson by scores of 63 and 34 respectively. Another first-class individual score was made by Corporal Sergeant, who ran up 26 before retiring. For the civilian eleven, Messrs. Bogie, Macro and Gooch were high-liners. The same two teams have arranged to play again on Saturday on the grounds adjoining the Jubilee hospital.

Following is the complete score of yesterday's game:

Royal Engineers.	
Corp. Knight, b. Gooch	12
Sap. Baker, c. Bogie, b. Richardson	3
Corp. Sergeant, b. Trimen	25
Sap. Hoffmann, b. Gooch	2
Lieut. Hood, b. Gooch	0
Sergt. Shorey, b. Richardson	0
Capt. Bunsbury, c. Gooch, b. Warden	65
Corp. Simpson, b. Gooch	54
Sap. Snellgrove, c. Gooch, b. Warden	8
Sap. Jones, not out	0
Corp. Scudis, b. Gooch	0
Extras	2
Total	173

Victoria.

Q. D. H. Warden, b. Knight	6
D. B. Bogie, c. Bunsbury, b. Hoffmann	25
W. Macro, b. Hoffmann	25
L. B. Trimen, c. Sergeant, b. Hoffmann	4
P. Richardson, c. Baker, b. Hoffmann	4
W. P. Gooch, b. Knight	18
P. Watkis, b. Hoffmann	5
W. Boorman, b. Wkt, b. Baker	0
N. Hardie, b. Knight	0
H. G. Walker, not out	0
H. R. Hopkins, b. Knight	0
Extras	7
Total	102

WRESTLING.

CONTEST TO-NIGHT.

A match will take place this evening at Vancouver between Chief Two Feathers and Del McLeod.

A contract has been let to a Tacoma firm for the erection at Tacoma of a \$700,000 hospital building for the Northern Pacific Employees' Beneficial Association. The hospital will occupy more than one city block in Tacoma, and will shelter the injured and sick employees of the road. It is under the direction of the employees of the road.

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LEONARD H. SOLLY,
Land Commissioner.

NOTICE.
REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA, 1880, CHAPTER 92.
PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF WHARF AT THE PORT OF VICTORIA, B. C.
Notice is hereby given that, under and pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1880, Chapter 92, the undersigned, by Petition dated this day, has applied to the Governor in Council for approval of the area plan and site of wharf and works proposed to be constructed on and over the foreshore and submerged lands adjoining or abutting on Lots 5 and 6, Block 70, Victoria, B. C., a plan of the said proposed works and a description by metes and bounds of the foreshore and submerged lands have been deposited with the Minister of Public Works, and duplicates thereof have been deposited in the Land Registry Office at Victoria, B. C.
Victoria, B. C., May 27th, 1904.
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E. E. BLACKWOOD,
Secretary.

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TIME TABLE NO. 50

Northbound.	Southbound.	Northbound.	Sat. Sun. South'b'd.		
Leave.	Arrive.	Leave.	and Wed. Arrive.		
Daily.	Daily.	Daily.	P. M.		
A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.		
Victoria	9.00	10.06	Victoria	4.00	7.55
Shawnigan Lake	10.20	10.46	Shawnigan Lake	5.17	8.40
Duncan	11.00	10.62	Duncan	5.58	9.58
Nanaimo	11.57	9.10	Nanaimo	6.45	10.45
Ar. Wellington	12.40	8.20	Nanaimo	7.27	4.15
	12.53	Lv. 8.00	Ar. Wellington	7.52	Lv. 4.00

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LARGE SHIPMENTS CONTINUE TO ARRIVE

The Drop in Prices—Apricots From California—Wholesale and Retail Market Quotations.

Probably the most important addition to both the wholesale and retail markets within the past two weeks is strawberries. Indications are that there will be an abundance of this fruit, and that the prices will fall exceptionally low before the end of the season. Not only do the local growers report particularly large crops, but the farmers of Duncan and other island points are shipping berries in big quantities. It was owing to the continued shipment of berries from outside places that the retail price, which usually remains at 25 cents a pound for at least several days, dropped suddenly from that figure to 15 on Monday, and to 10 cents on Tuesday.

In this connection it is interesting to note that there is a probability that a stronger fight than usual will take place between wholesale merchants for the central local trade this year. From what can be gathered, an enterprising firm has secured the first right to do business with the majority of the most extensive growers of the island, and therefore already finds itself in a position to dispose of the fruit, wholesale, at prices ranging from 6 to 8 cents a pound.

To compete with this company, other wholesale merchants are understood to be contemplating the importation of fruit from the Sound. This, however, would scarcely be sufficiently profitable, and it is therefore doubtful whether such a step will be taken. There are now more berries on hand than can be conveniently disposed of, and the market is expected to be seriously glutted as the fruit ripens.

Apricots are already arriving from California in considerable quantities. The last steamers to come from the south brought consignments for Victoria wholesalers, and the fruit is being sold at the rate of \$1.50 per box. Small quantities may be purchased from retailers at 10 cents per pound.

There is also an exceptional fluctuation in the prices quoted for hay, oats, and other foodstuffs. This is attributed to the fact that the farmers of the Delta and other mainland agricultural districts have been holding back their last year's crops in the constant hope of securing better prices. As the advance during the winter months has not amounted to much, these farmers now find themselves with a lot of marketable produce which must be disposed of before the present season's returns are offered for sale.

The result is, and will continue to be, a steady fall in the wholesale and retail prices of the produce referred to. In this connection it might be stated that the figures in the appended quotations having reference to foodstuffs are the prices local wholesalers are willing to pay the farmers. This is pointed out in case they be mistaken for the sale prices of the wholesale dealer, as there is always more or less of a margin.

Following are the retail and wholesale market quotations:

Hungarian Flour—	
Ogilvie's, per sack	1.40
Ogilvie's, per bbl.	1.40
Lake of Woods, per sack	1.40
Lake of Woods, per bbl.	1.40
Okanagan, per sack	1.40
Okanagan, per bbl.	1.40
Moose Jaw, per sack	1.40
Moose Jaw, per bbl.	1.40
Excelsior, per sack	1.40
Excelsior, per bbl.	1.40
Oak Lake, per sack	1.40
Oak Lake, per bbl.	1.40
Hudson's Bay, per sack	1.40
Hudson's Bay, per bbl.	1.40
Kenderby, per sack	1.40
Kenderby, per bbl.	1.40
Pasture Flour—	
Snowflake, per sack	1.40
Snowflake, per bbl.	1.40
O. K. Best, per sack	1.35
O. K. Best, per bbl.	1.35
O. K. Four Star, per sack	1.35
O. K. Four Star, per bbl.	1.35
Drifted Snow, per sack	1.35
Drifted Snow, per bbl.	1.35
Three Star, per sack	1.40
Three Star, per bbl.	1.40
Coal Oil—	
Fratt's Coal Oil	1.70
Grain—	
Wheat, per ton	35.00
Oats, per ton	30.00
Outmeal, per 10 lbs.	45
Roller Oats (B. & K.)	5
Feed—	
Hay (baled), per ton	18.00
Straw, per bale	75
Middlings, per ton	27.00
Brass, per ton	25.00
Ground Feed, per ton	28.00
Carrots, per 100 lbs.	90
Vegetables—	
Beans, per lb.	15
Fraser River Potatoes, 100 lbs.	1.35
Island Potatoes (new), 100 lbs.	5.00
Cabbage, per head	10
Onions, silver skin, per lb.	4
Carrots, per lb.	3
Turnips, per lb.	3
Peas, per lb.	5
Tomatoes, per lb.	25
Fish—	
Salmon, spring (smoked)	15
Salmon, per lb.	10 1/2
Cod, per lb.	8
Halibut, per lb.	10
Kippers, per lb.	12 1/2
Blowers, per lb.	10
Rock Cod	10
Base	8
Farm Produce—	
Fresh Island Eggs	30
Butter (Delta Creamery)	25
Best Dairy	25
Butter (Cowichan Creamery)	35
Butter (Victoria Creamery)	35
Cheese (Canadian)	20 1/2
Lard, per lb.	18
Meats—	
Hams (American), per lb.	20 1/2
Bacon (American), per lb.	22 1/2

Bacon (rolled), per lb.	16 1/2
Bacon (long clear), per lb.	18
Shoulders, per lb.	18
Beef, per lb.	12 1/2
Veal, per lb.	12 1/2
Pork, per lb.	11 1/2
Mutton, per lb.	10 1/2
Lamb, hindquarter	1.50 1/2
Lamb, forequarter	1.00 1/2
Fruit—	
Cocoanuts, each	10 1/2
Lemons (California), per doz.	25
Apples, per box	2.00 1/2
Oranges, per doz.	15 1/2
Bananas, per doz.	30 1/2
Pineapples, each	35 1/2
New Jordan Almonds (shelled), per lb.	20
Valencia Almonds (shelled), per lb.	20
Valencia Raisins, per lb.	12 1/2
Sultana Raisins, per lb.	20
Best Currants, Patra's, per lb.	12 1/2
Strawberries, per box	10
Cherries, per lb.	15
Apricots, per lb.	10
Poultry—	
Dressed fowl, per lb.	20 1/2
Ducks, per lb.	20
Dressed turkeys, lb. 10, per lb.	30

Potatoes (Island), per ton	\$20.00 1/2
Onions, per 100 lbs. (Cal.)	1.85
Carrots, per 100 lbs.	2.00
Cabbage, per 100 lbs.	2.70
Butter (creamery), per lb.	25
Eggs (canned), per doz.	27
Chickens, per lb.	12 1/2
Ducks, per lb.	12 1/2
Apples (Tasmania), per box	3.00 1/2
Hay, per ton	16.00
Oats, per ton	26.00
Peas (field), per ton	35.00
Barley, per ton	27.00
Beef, per lb.	8
Mutton, per lb.	10 1/2
Pork, per lb.	11 1/2
Veal, per lb.	12 1/2
Strawberries, per lb.	6 1/2
Apricots (Cal.), per box	1.50
Island Potatoes, per doz.	3.00 1/2

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Just as soon as green vegetables and fresh fruit make their appearance, the season for colic and cramps sets in. Little babies and young children are affected just like their parents—in fact very few escape an attack of some sort. "Last summer," writes Mrs. D. D. Riker, a well known resident of Portersmouth, Ont., "my children ate green apples, and were seized with violent cramps. My youngest child was especially affected, and was in great pain. I knew just what to do, and gave them each a dose of Polson's Nervine. This had an immediate effect. One minute my poor children were doubled up in agony, and almost in the next they were better. I can't say just how much I value Nervine. It always gives good results."

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The main island is twenty-one miles in circumference and rises in a central conical mountain to a height of 7,640 feet. At the present moment the population is seventy-three—English by birth and associations—their only link with civilization being the yearly visit of a man-of-war. When the captain and officers of the Odin visited the islanders, they found them lacking in nothing that could contribute to their material comfort. They had plenty of food, enough of clothing to last for the ensuing year, and were excellently housed. Their cottages are substantially built of stone, with a roof of thatch, and they have about 400 head of cattle among them. They live on the communal plan, each working for the benefit of all, and each entitled to his or her share of the results.

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A PIONEER OF THIS CITY PASSES AWAY

Jacob Sehl Died Suddenly in His Office on Government Street Yesterday Afternoon.

It was with the greatest surprise that residents of the city received the intelligence last evening that Jacob Sehl had passed away. He had been about his duties during the day and no warning was given that the end of his life was near at hand. About 5 o'clock in the afternoon he was sitting in a chair engaged in conversation in the office of the firm on Government street, when he suddenly passed away. Death was due to heart failure.

The deceased, although in his 71st year, has been remarkably rugged. He has been little troubled with any ailments, and had never given any indication of any constitutional weakness. He was on the contrary regarded as a very strong man, considering his advanced age.

The death of Mr. Sehl removes one of the pioneers of this province. He was one of those who entered the province in 1858, attracted by the gold discoveries in Cariboo. Since that time he has resided continuously in the province, most of the time being spent in this city.

Jacob Sehl was born at Ediger, near Coblenz, Germany, November 30th, 1833. When 25 years of age he and his brother Frank decided to leave their native land to seek their fortunes in the gold fields of Cariboo, which were then attracting the attention of the world.

They had to make the trip by the slow sailing vessels, coming by way of Cape Horn, and reached here in the spring of 1858. They pushed on to the Cariboo diggings, and spent some time there. Upon returning to Victoria, the deceased followed the search for gold at Sooke, and on the Leech river.

He soon gave up mining, however, and devoted his attention to the furniture business. Starting in a small way in 1860, his business rapidly developed. In 1886 he erected the large brick factory at Sehl's Point.

In the depression which followed a few years after, the business suffered with others, and the factory was finally closed. Mr. Sehl continued to follow the furniture business, however, assisted by his son, Wm. Sehl.

He married Elizabeth Van Almsen, who died about nine years ago. The remaining members of the family are: J. Sehl, of Tacoma; William Sehl, who is connected with the business in this city; Mrs. W. W. Sherwood, of New York; and Mrs. J. G. Elzalde, of this city.

His brother, Frank Sehl, died several years ago. Mr. Sehl took a great interest in music. For years he was a member of the choir of the Roman Catholic cathedral. He also was instrumental in organizing the first German Liederkreis in this city.

As one of the old settlers of the province he was also prominently identified with the Pioneer Society, being one of the founders of the association. The funeral will take place from the residence of his niece, Mrs. Mass, 42 Montreal street, at 9 o'clock Saturday forenoon, and at 9.30 it will leave St. Andrew's Roman Catholic cathedral, where high mass will be celebrated.

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SYNOPSIS OF REGULATIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF MINERALS ON DOMINION LANDS IN MANITOBA, THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES AND THE YUKON TERRITORY.

Coal.—Coal lands may be purchased at \$10 per acre for soft coal and \$20 for anthracite. Not more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of 10 cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

Quartz.—Persons of eighteen years and over and joint stock companies holding free miner's certificates may obtain entry for a mining location.

A free miner's certificate is granted for one or more years, not exceeding five, upon payment in advance of \$7.50 per annum for an individual, and from \$50 to \$100 per annum for a company, according to capital. A free miner, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500x1,500 feet by marking out the same with two legal posts, bearing location notices, one at each end on the line of the lode or vein.

The claim shall be recorded within fifteen days if located within ten miles of a recording office, or within thirty days if located further than ten miles from a recording office, on additional ten miles or fraction. The fee for recording a claim is \$5.

At least \$100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When \$500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at \$1.00 an acre.

Permission may be granted by the Minister of the Interior to locate claims containing iron and nickel, and copper, in the Yukon Territory, of an area not exceeding 100 acres.

The patent for a mining location shall provide for the payment of a royalty of 2 1/2 per cent. of the sales of the products of the location.

Placer Mining.—Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory, are open to placer mining generally. On the North Saskatchewan River, however, the bar or bench, the former being 100 feet wide and extending between high and low water mark. The latter includes bar diggings, but extends back to the base of the hill or bank, but not exceeding 1,000 feet. Where steam power is used, claims 200 feet wide may be obtained.

Dredging in the rivers of Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory.—A free miner may obtain only one lease of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable in the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars of the river below low water mark, and subject to the water mark, and all persons who have or who may receive entries for bar diggings or bench claims, except on the Saskatchewan River, where the lessee may dredge to high water mark on each alternate leasehold.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles, but where a person or company has obtained more than one lease on the same river, the number of dredges or fraction is sufficient. Rental, \$10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of two and a half per cent. collected on the output after it exceeds \$10,000.

Dredging in the Yukon Territory.—Six leases of five miles each may be granted, a free miner for a term of twenty years, also renewable.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars in the river below low water mark, that boundary to be fixed by its position on the 1st day of August in the year of the date of the lease.

The lessee shall have one dredge in operation within two years from the date of the lease, and dredge for each five miles within six years from such date. Rental, \$100 per mile for first year and \$10 per mile for each subsequent year. Royalty, same as in placer mining.

Placer Mining in the Yukon Territory.—Creek, gulch, river and hill claims shall not exceed 250 feet in width by the ordinary base line or general direction of the creek or gulch, the width being from 1,000 to 2,000 feet. All other placer claims shall be 250 feet square.

Claims are marked by two legal posts, one at each end, bearing notices. Entry must be obtained within ten days. If the claim is within ten miles of mining recorder's office, the extra day allowed for each additional ten miles or fraction.

The person or company staking a claim must hold a free miner's certificate.

The discovery of a new mine is entitled to a claim of 1,000 feet in length, and if the party consists of two, 1,500 feet altogether, on the output of which no royalty shall be charged, the rest of the party ordinary claims only.

Entry fee, \$10. Royalty at the rate of two and one-half per cent. on the value of the gold shipped from the Yukon Territory to be paid to the Recorder.

No free miner shall receive a grant of more than one mining claim on each separate river, creek or gulch, but the same miner may hold any number of claims by purchase, and free miners may work their claims in partnership by filing notice and paying fee of \$2. Claims may be abandoned, and another obtained on the same creek, gulch or river, by giving notice and paying a fee.

Work must be done on a claim each year to the value of at least \$200.

A certificate that work has been done must be obtained each year; if not, the claim shall be deemed to be abandoned, and open to occupation and entry by a free miner.

The boundaries of a claim may be defined absolutely by having a survey made and publishing notice in the Yukon Official Gazette.

Petroleum.—All unappropriated Dominion Lands in Manitoba, the North-West Territories and within the Yukon Territory are open to prospecting for petroleum, and the Minister may reserve for an individual or company having machinery on the land to be prospecting, an area of 640 acres. Should the prospector discover oil in paying quantities, and satisfactorily establish such discovery, an area not exceeding 640 acres, including the oil well and such other land as may be determined, will be sold to the discoverer at the rate of \$1.00 an acre, subject to royalty at such rate as may be specified by order-in-council.

Department of the Interior, Ottawa, February, 1904.

JAMES A. SMART, Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

Notice is hereby given that the Craigflower bridge is closed to traffic during repairs and until further notice.

F. C. GAMBLE, Public Works Engineer. Lands and Works Department. Victoria, B. C., 6th June, 1904.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 28TH
2 P. M.

VALUABLE
Furniture
Heintzman Piano
W. T. Hardaker, Auctioneer
THE RUSSIANS SINK
JAP TRANSPORTS

(Continued from page 1.)

There are rumors here of fighting at
Port Arthur with the Japanese almost in
the city.
A private letter from Mukden says
the press correspondents there are not
hopeful of getting news from the Rus-
sians, who give every indication that cor-
respondents are not wanted. Many of
the correspondents are preparing to leave.

FIVE WARSHIPS CAPABLE OF FIGHTING.

Chfoo, June 16.—From a reliable
source it is learned that the Japanese
had sixty thousand men on the Liao
Tung peninsula ten days ago. It is be-
lieved that it is their intention to use
100,000 men in the attack on Port
Arthur. Possibly it will be a fortnight
before they are ready to make the ex-
pected attack.

Chinese employed in the machine shops
at Port Arthur are authority for their
statement that the repairs to the Rus-
sian warships only consisted of placing
sheets of steel over the damaged parts.
There was no attempt made to replace
the damaged ribs. They also confirm
previous Chinese reports to the effect
that the fleet of battleships and cruisers
only five are capable of fighting. Ac-
cording to best information these vessels
are the battleships Poltava, Sebastopol
and the cruisers Bayan, Askold and
Norik. Some contend that the battleship
Peresviet and the cruiser Diana are not
damaged.

The Chinese machinist says the
machinery of a large vessel, the name of
which is unknown to him, was wrecked
by a shell.

TRANSPORTS OWNED BY NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

The Sado Maru and Hitachi Maru,
the two Japanese transports which to-
day's dispatches report as having been
destroyed by the Russian Vladivostok
fleet, belonged to the Nippon Yusen
Kaisha line, which previously lost a fine
ship at the hands of the enemy. The
Sado Maru was the eighth largest of the
company's fleet. She was a ship of
6,223 tons and 311 nominal horse-power,
and was operated by the company on its
European line. The Hitachi Maru was
the same size as the Kanagawa Maru,
which is now crossing the Pacific to Vic-
toria and Sound ports. She too, was a
twin screw steamer of 6,172 tons and
311 nominal horse-power.

JAMES J. JEFFRIES.
Operation Performed on His Knee—Will
Be in Bed Six Days.
(Associated Press.)

San Francisco, June 16.—Advice re-
ceived last night from Adrian Springs
announce that an operation was per-
formed yesterday on the ailing knee of
Jim Jeffries. An incision was made and
a quantity of fluid drawn off. He will
not be permitted to leave his bed for six
days.

WORKINGMEN, SATURDAY will
be the last closing day of men's goods at
the Army and Navy store. Bargains
lower than ever.

—Great slaughter sale of millinery at
the Elite, 43 Fort street.

GRAND DEMONSTRATION
Blue Ribbon Jellies and
Royal Household Flour
How to use and secure the best results. Call and see for yourselves.
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FIRST OF SEALERS FOR BEHRING SEA

**TERESA HAS SAILED;
OTHERS TO FOLLOW**

**Are the Bodies From Kallus Drifting
Ashore?—Excursion Rates on
Sound Route.**

With colors flying and everything trim
and snug for a long sea voyage the
schooner Ida Etta, Capt. O'Leary, hauled
probably sail this evening. She will
probably sail this evening. She will be
the second of the fleet away. The Teresa,
Capt. Lund, having left on route to
Behring Sea this morning. Others of the
Victoria Sealing Company's fleet to sail
will be the Zillah May, Capt. Brown; the
Alli L. Alger, Capt. Geo. Heater; Oscar
and Hattie, Capt. Deluchery; Dora Sie-
ward, Capt. McKell; Victoria, Capt.
Byers; Director, Capt. Macaulay; Carrie
C. W., Capt. Gullen; Fawn, Capt.
Olsson, and Libbie, Capt. W. Heater.

In addition to this fleet there will be
the Rainbow, Capt. Jacobson; Umbria,
Capt. Blackstad, and the Jessie, Capt.
Haan, owned by people outside the com-
pany. These, with the Ida, which has
already gone north, will compose the
Behring Sea fleet this year.

The fleet is larger than that of last
year by one or two vessels. There may
be others than those named sent away
if Indians can be found for them, but
Capt. Grant stated this morning those
named were all he had in mind to go at
present. They will all carry Indian
hunters, and will be leaving now as fast
as they can get away.

EVIDENCES OF SHIPWRECK.

The news of the finding of a body
with a life preserver attached on the
shore of Otter Island and another such
discovery off Cape Scott on the West
Coast of this Island and also of much
wreckage having been seen recently on
Goose Island, lead certain mariners to
wonder why those interested in the
wrecks which have occurred during the
last winter do not take some means of
ascertaining evidence relating to those
disasters. "Take the case of the La-
norma," said one navigator this morn-
ing; "her boats and other wreckage from
her still remain on the coast. There has
been no attempt made to reclaim the
boats so far as I know, nor effort made
to investigate the wreckage other than
that made by E. W. Wright, a news-
paper man of Portland. The bodies
now drifting ashore I believe came from
one of those lumber schooners that
tumbled on the coast, yet there is no
convenient way of telling. This is not
right. All this wreckage that has wash-
ed ashore should be carefully examined.
There should be some systematic way
of doing it. If not, there should be some
standing reward offered persons who go
to the trouble of investigating such
things at their own expense."

RIVAL STEAMERS.

Passengers arriving from the Sound
these days are furnished with no small
amount of amusement in crossing the
Strait. Competition for business be-
tween the two boats on the route is keen,
and while no sign boards that race be-
tween the two when they meet are hung
out, the spirit of rivalry somehow mani-
fests itself despite calmest appearances
which the officers of either may assume
in upholding the letter of the law. The
boats have frequently had interesting
little runs for Victoria, and along the
waterfront there is almost daily con-
siderable speculation on which gets in first.
It is largely a question of advantage,
however, for otherwise their steam-
ing capabilities are pretty equal. Yesterday
afternoon the Beatrice and Whatcom
made an interesting picture. As far as
the eye could see from shore they were
coming side by side, not deviating a yard
from the most direct and shortest course
that would take them into port. Now
and again a great cloud of smoke would
roll from their funnels, indicating the
pressure below. There was little varia-
tion in the matter of speed and though
one steamer was in the harbor ahead of
the other the race appeared to be a
draw.

THE QUARANTINED FIFTEEN.

The fifteen transcontinental passengers
from the steamship Athenian who were
quarantined in Ontario, were detained at
Yelke. The Canadian Pacific railway
was instructed by Dr. Hodgkins to quar-
antine the passengers and the Canadian
Pacific railway Montreal authorities
were Divisional Superintendent J. R.
Nelson instructions to that effect.

Yelke is a siding ten miles west of
North Bay on the shores of Lake Nipis-
sing, used solely for operating purposes,
remote from any settlement and
only used as a passing place for trains
on rare occasions. Here in the sleeper
Melbourne was gathered a happier party
than one would imagine, from a knowl-
edge of the cause of their detention.
That the Canadian Pacific railway did
its best to make their stay pleasant one
and all admit.

The party consisted of Herr H. Kaup-
hammer, from Shanghai, for Bremen,
Germany; Admiral R. Helfrich, pay-
master of the German fleet in Chinese
waters, who is going home on furlough;

Martin McGrath and T. G. McInerney,
travelling from Shanghai to their homes
in Olean, N. Y.; Mrs. Gibson, going
home to Scotland from Shanghai; Mrs.
Green, returning to Newburg, N. Y., from
the same place; Miss Blandin, who has
been a school teacher in Manila, and is
going home to New Hampshire; William
Smith, of the Chinese service, who is go-
ing to the Old Land on a holiday; Capt.
W. A. Hulke, of the 10th Lincolnshire
Regiment, on his way from Chemulpo
and Wei-Hai-Wei, to his English home;
F. J. Reek, Hong Kong, with his two
sons and his ward, G. Hooper.

There is admirable fishing on Lake
Nipissing for bass, pike, whitefish
and pickerel. In the untrod forest be-
hind is to be found game of all kinds. A
better stopping place for travelers could
not be chosen, and the experience of the
party proved the wisdom of the selection.
The company provided boats, fishing
tackle, guns, bait and ammunition. There
was no lack of attention to the inner
man. Dining car 1,045 was sidetracked
along with the sleeper, and there were
two cooks in charge. When it is men-
tioned that Gaspé salmon and strawber-
ries and cream were among the items on
the menu it is to be seen that isolation
was no loss to the party. No guards
were placed over the car, as none were
needed in such an out-of-the-way place.
"I believe we will all be sorry to leave
this lovely spot," said Admiral R. Hel-
fich, to a Toronto News representative.
The admiral is paymaster of the Ger-
man fleet in Chinese waters, and is on
his way to Kiel.

"It was rather annoying at first when
we were told that we would have to stay
here, but things have been made so plea-
sant that we are perfectly satisfied to
stay here now. There is very good fish-
ing on the lake, and I spend a lot of my
time there. Bass, pike, whitefish and
pickerel are abundant and furnish fine
sport. The only drawback is, that the
black flies are so thick."

Admiral Helfrich is enthusiastic re-
garding the Rocky Mountain scenery,
which he considers equal to the Alps.
Wm. Smith was a friend of Captain
Jenkins, who died at Vancouver, and
they travelled together from Shanghai.
Speaking of him, Mr. Smith said: "Cap-
tain Jenkins was a merchant seaman
who had sailed the China seas for sev-
eral years, and he was on his way home
to England. He was a most estimable
man, a splendid companion, and the life
of our little party until he took sick.
Naturally we used to go in to see him,
to relieve the tedium of his confinement
and nurse him as well as we could. The
ship doctor did not know he was suffer-
ing from smallpox, the doctor at quaran-
tine passed him and the rest of us, and
even in the Vancouver hospital the doc-
tor did not diagnose the case as small-
pox until he had been in there for a day."

CHEAP EXCURSIONS.

For next Saturday and Sunday the
Alaska Steamship Co. will make a rate
of \$1 from Seattle, Port Townsend and
Port Angeles to Victoria and return.
This is a very low rate, being the same
as was made by the company for Vic-
toria Day, and which was the means of
bringing many people to Victoria. It
is reported that after July 1st the Alaska
Steamship Company may apply the \$1
excursion rate every Saturday and Sun-
day, during July, August and September.

MARINE NOTES.

The Boston Towboat Company's
steamship Shawmut is expected from
the Orient on the 23rd. She has a large
number of passengers, there being a
large number on board in transit from
Manila.

The steamer Calcas, of the China
Maritime line, is due from Europe via
Adantic ports—Sancti Spiritus. She has
about 1,000 tons of freight for this port.
Steamer Tees sails for Northern Brit-
ish Columbia ports this evening.

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BABIES.**

**—REMEMBER THE ARMY AND
NAVY STORE, as Saturday will be the
closing day to get workmen's bar-
gains.**

—Get the habit. Eat Fruit Sugar as
other nice people do.

The Supreme court of Missouri has af-
firmed the judgment of the St. Louis court
against Julius Lehman and Emil Herman,
found guilty of bribery while members of
the St. Louis house of delegates. Lehman
was given seven years and Herman six
years in the penitentiary. The Supreme
court reversed and remanded the case of
Robert M. Snyder, convicted of bribery in
St. Louis and sentenced to five years in the
penitentiary.

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MILITIA INSPECTION
CONTINUED YESTERDAY
Col. English Examines Subalterns and
Non-Commissioned Officers—Tar-
get Firing To-Morrow.

Inspection of the Fifth Regiment by
Colonel English, of Work Point garri-
son, was continued last evening. As an-
nounced yesterday, Nos. 5 and 6 com-
panies were examined on their efficiency
in infantry movements. In order to judge
between the two, the inspecting officer
ordered No. 5 to take up a position for
the defence of the hill in the rear of the
camp, while members of No. 6 were in-
structed to prepare to attack. The as-
sault was conducted in a most satisfac-
tory manner, it being plain to spectators
that the attacking force out-manoeuvred
the defenders at almost every point. It
is perhaps unnecessary to say that the
position was carried in an exceedingly
dashing style and without casualties.

This was followed by the oral exami-
nation of subalterns and non-commission-
ed officers. Each one was brought be-
fore Colonel English for the purpose of
answering a series of practical questions
on gunnery and other military matters.
Up till shortly after 10 o'clock this was
in progress, and, as all officers had then
been dealt with, it was decided to
continue to-morrow.

This evening promises to be a quiet one
in camp. After dinner the different
companies will be put through the regu-
lar routine drill, some practicing with
the Morris tubes on the guns of Port
Macaulay and others taking up skirmish-
ing in extended formation in preparation
for the sham battle between the Fifth
and Sixth Regiments, to take place on
Monday.

From 6:30 o'clock until dusk to-mor-
row evening, the annual shooting prac-
tice with the 6-inch guns will be held.
The shooting this year will take the form
of a competition between two details, one
comprising Nos. 3 and 4, and the other
Nos. 5 and 6 companies. As soon as
these details are prepared to enter the
Fort Colson Hall will be informed, and
the first and reporting will be allowed
to commence the firing. Arrangements
have been made to have a target towed
slowly up and down the straits at a
range approximating from 3,500 to 4,000
yards.

Members of Nos. 1 and 2 companies
will practice with the 13-pound field guns
on Saturday evening. This will also be
very interesting. It will be conducted
in an entirely different manner to the
practice with the guns of the fort, a
stationary target being used instead of
a moving mark.

Two competitions will be in progress
at camp during the next few days for
the possession of challenge cups. The
first of these is for a handsome trophy
presented by Colonel Prior for the com-
pany obtaining the highest percentage in
shooting and gunnery efficiency. A two-
day tournament between six teams
representing the companies of the reg-
iment for a cup donated by Col. Gregory
is the second. The first contest of the
series will take place this evening.

To-morrow evening friends are in-
vited to visit the camp. They will be
extended a cordial welcome and be ex-
tended by the Fifth Regiment band.
The following excellent programme has
been prepared for the occasion:

PART I.
March—Officer of the Day Hall
Overture—Light Cavalry Suppe
Song for Corbett—Ashbury Trotter
Selection from A Gaiety Girl Jones

PART II.
March—The Jolly General Moret
Valse Espagnole—Espana Waldteufel
Excerpts from Princess Chloé Herbert
Two-Step—The Husky's Dream
..... Miss V. Powell
God Save the King.

There will also be a band concert on
Sunday afternoon, for which the fol-
lowing programme has been arranged:

PART I.
Grand March from Tannhauser Wagner
Overture—Raymond Thomas
Sacred Aria—Beyond the Gates of Para-
dise King
(Obligate for Cornet, Sergt. W. V. North,
Soldier.)
Excerpts from Victor Herbert's comic

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ham, Port Simpson, returned from Europe
last night and is at the Dominion.
Alice, birth and wife, of Duncan,
and J. H. Blockley, of Nanaimo, are guests at
the Victoria.
Miss A. N. McIntyre, of Montreal, is
staying at the Driford.
N. T. Tregear is in the city, a guest at
the Driford.
H. C. Shaw, of Greenwood, is at the
Driford.

PORT STREET CAR LINE.
To the Editor:—It seems to me, in view
of the accidents that are of such frequent
occurrence on the Port street car line, that
steps should be taken by the city authori-
ties to remove the track from the present
narrow and unsuitable thoroughfare to
Yates street, a street properly adapted for
such traffic.

SUBURBAN.
Victoria, B. C., June 16th, 1904.

Mme. Levarch, who lives at Mont-
Morency, near Paris, is one hundred years
old, has eighty-five living descendants, and
has lived in the same home all her life.
A large number of people in the capital
of Kohapur, India, on seeing a motor car
for the first time, prostrated themselves
before it, declaring that it was moved by
an invisible god.

A FOOD WITH SILVER SERVICE.
In reducing the very best elements of
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has scored a distinct triumph among
Canadian housekeepers. "We do not
tire of it," says Mrs. T. Reid, South-
ampton, Ont. Aside from the merit of
the cereal, your grocer will show you a
coupon which is enclosed in every 15c.
package. These coupons, for the bal-
ance of the year, can be redeemed in
heavy silver-plated tea and dessert
spoons, handsome sugar shells and but-
ter knives. The coupons give full in-
formation and directions concerning
the premiums.

BORN.
DOWDING—At Kamloops, on June 11th,
the wife of G. J. Dowding, of a son.

MARRIED.
SPRAGUE-BRYDENE-JACK—At Vancou-
ver, on June 14th, by Rev. W. C. King,
H. Sprague and Mrs. Kate Brydene-
Jack.

DIED.
HERON—In this city, on the 13th instant,
Robert Heron, a native of Ontario, Can-
ada, aged 69 years.
The funeral will take place on Saturday,
June 18th, at 8 p. m., from the parlors of
the B. C. Funeral Home, 401 Government
street.
Friends will please accept this intimation.
MUNRO—At Vancouver, on June 11th, Inis
R. Munro, aged 26 years.
BLACK—At Vancouver, on June 12th, John
Black, aged 59 years.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
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trade. No experience; no canvassing;
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JUVENILE.
General admission, 50c.; children half
price.

The Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital.
(Incorporated 1890.)

The fourteenth annual meeting of the
donors and subscribers to the institution
will be held in the City Hall on Tuesday,
the 28th June, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.
Business: Receiving the annual report of
the directors, the treasurer's statement for
the year ending 31st May, 1904, and the
election of directors.
The four following directors retire, but
are eligible for re-election: H. D. Helme-
ken, Edward Musgrave, F. D. Pemberton
and Alexander Wilson.
Donors and subscribers can vote for four
members only. The City Council nominate
five (5), the local government three (3),
and the French Benevolent Society three
(3), making a total of fifteen (15) directors.
All donors of money, and annual subscrib-
ers of \$5 and upwards are eligible to vote
for the election of directors.
F. ELWORTHY, Secretary.
Victoria, B. C., 13th June, 1904.

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NAVAL BATTLE IN KOREAN STRAITS

Jap Ships Engage Three Cruisers Which Escaped From Vladivostock--Entrance to Port Arthur Cleared.

Tokyo, June 13.—A long report has been received here from Admiral Togo, in which he covers the operations of the fleet since June 8th, and repeats his former account of the bombardment of Liao Yang peninsula.

Continuing the admiral says that the captain of a foreign vessel that left Yankow Wednesday, June 8th, reports that the recent Japanese bombardment in the vicinity of Kaiping, south of Newchwang, caused the Russian forces to the number of 3,000 with twenty guns to evacuate Yankow.

Two men who were taken prisoners by the Japanese while on their way into Port Arthur report that two Russian regiments, numbering in all 5,000 men, arrived recently at Wanchow, Vafangow and Vafandien. The prisoners say also that large numbers of Russian troops are coming south from Mukden every day.

On Wednesday, June 8th, a detachment of the fleet bombarded and dispersed two companies of Russian troops who were on Kaiping point. On Friday another detachment of the fleet bombarded the enemy for two hours near Yinchintou and Tsantakiao, inflicting much damage upon them.

Another detachment of the Japanese fleet, according to Admiral Togo's report, discovered four Russian torpedo boat destroyers in Taitienwan bay near Spangpung and drove them back to Port Arthur. Over seventy mines have been destroyed in Taitienwan bay. Thirty floating mines have been found and destroyed. Some of these were drifting into Peichili gulf.

In conclusion Admiral Togo says a dense fog which prevailed for several days finally cleared away on Sunday.

CHINESE CUTTING TELEGRAPH WIRES.

General Kuroki's Headquarters in the Field, June 13 (Via Fusan, Korea).—According to information here the hostilities now occurring at the front are daily encounters between outposts, resulting in the loss of a man or two every day. A few Russian prisoners are being brought into Japanese headquarters, but no Japanese are being captured. This is taken to show that the Japanese are getting the best of the encounters. Chinese are giving trouble by cutting the telegraph wires nightly. They probably are in the pay of the Russians.

The work of keeping General Kuroki's army in supplies of all kinds continues to be performed with excellent results and is beyond criticism.

The conduct of the Japanese soldiers is irreproachable and their spirits are high.

DIVISION OF ARMY RESERVE MOBILIZED.

St. Petersburg, June 13.—The general staff has received the following dispatch from Major-General Karkavich, dated June 12th:

"There was no change June 9th, 10th and 11th in the position of the troops in the neighborhood of Vafangow station, Liao Tung peninsula. Small outpost skirmishes occur daily. The attempts of the Japanese to drive back our posts south of Vafandien have been checked by the forward movement of our Cossacks. All is quiet on the western coast of Liao Tung. The enemy's ships appear from time to time, but do not approach near the coast. The Japanese have not advanced from Siyen. According to intelligence received they are entrenching there."

No information reached the general staff to-day regarding the reported ambushing of Russians at Isulanien as the result of which they were alleged to have lost 800 men.

The reports of continuous skirmishing along the railway south of Vafandien are taken to show that the Cossacks are keeping the Japanese busy in protecting their rear.

One division of the army reserve of the St. Petersburg district has been called out. Half of these divisions goes to the front, and the other half will be distributed among the garrisons in central Russia, replacing active troops ordered to the front.

SHIPS READY TO ASSIST LAND FORCES.

Newchwang, June 13.—A Chinaman who was smuggled by the Japanese into Port Arthur to act as a spy, and escaped there seven days ago, was arrested in Newchwang last night. He told a correspondent of the Associated Press that the Russians were working a large force day and night repairing the warships. They expect that the work

will be completed in a fortnight. Four Japanese warships, including the entrance of Port Arthur have their guns trained and have been warned to assist in repelling a land attack. The channel is partly cleared, but Admiral Togo's blockade is effective. He estimates the total strength of the Russian forces, including the sailors, at less than 30,000 men. There are many sick and wounded. There is food sufficient for two months. All the Chinese foodstuffs have been seized by the authorities.

Two armored trains, on board of which are mounted guns landed from the Russian battleship Retzivan, recently ran to a point near the Japanese lines and opened fire. The Japanese replied and their shells badly damaged the train, though it managed to return to the Russian lines. The Russians at Port Arthur were gloomy, though hoping that General Konoapatkin will send an army to assist the garrison at Port Arthur.

The Chinese guilds are petitioning General Stoessel, the commander of the Russian military forces at Port Arthur, to permit their members to leave. A flour mill belonging to Chi Fen Tai, the richest Chinaman in Port Arthur, is grinding wheat brought from Seattle in a French ship, which is still at Port Arthur.

An enormous amount of damage was done to the new town by the Japanese shells. The Russia-Chinese bank is totally destroyed. The coal supply at Port Arthur is low, being estimated at 24,000 tons of Cardiff and 3,000 tons of Japanese coal.

A STATEMENT OF RUSSIAN CASUALTIES.

St. Petersburg, June 14.—The following official statement of Russian losses in the war has been issued:

Navy—44 officers and 920 men killed; 13 officers and 220 men wounded. Total, 1,197.

Army—36 officers and 980 men killed; 103 officers and 2,080 men wounded. Total prisoners—20 officers and 600 men. Total, 3,915.

CANNOT INTERFERE WITH SIEGE OPERATIONS.

St. Petersburg, June 14.—The Novoe Vremya's military expert authoritatively denies the report that Gen. Stalkenberg is on the march south. He declares that the only Russian forces on the Liao Tung peninsula above Port Arthur consist of cavalry and railroad guards, and adds that it is scarcely possible to interfere with the siege operations before Port Arthur. The chief mission of the Russian cavalry detachments, he says, is to hamper the movements of the Japanese columns from the south to the north.

The Novoe Vremya devotes a long editorial to arguing that wireless communication with neutral territory does not constitute a breach of neutrality, the enemy having practically the same remedy as in the case of cable communication, namely, as previously cabled in one case of cutting the cable, and in the other of stationing a vessel rigged with wireless apparatus between the sending and receiving stations, thus interfering with communication.

The calling out of the army reserves in Kasan, Kieff and Moscow military districts was announced to-day. This step is for the purpose of filling up the skeleton reserve corps and to replace the regular troops already gone or going to the front.

It also foreshadows the dispatch of four Volga corps, which was predicted in these dispatches a month ago. The latter would give Gen. Konoapatkin two hundred thousand more men.

ADVANCE OF JAPS IS BEING OPPOSED.

St. Petersburg, June 14.—5.12 p. m.—The Japanese are displaying activity at all their advance lines.

According to information in the possession of the war office two divisions of the enemy are now marching north along the railroad towards Vafangow, 23 miles above Kinchow. They are having constant skirmishes with the retiring Russians, but the advance is now being seriously contested.

Although it is too early to determine the exact purpose of the advance, the presumption of the general staff is that the northward movement is intended to effect a junction.

JAPANESE MARCHING TOWARDS HAICHENG.

Paris, June 14.—A dispatch to the Temps from Liao Yang says that the

Japanese divisions which departed at Taku Shan and Gen. Kuroki's divisions which were at Siyen are marching toward Haicheng. Indications, it is added, point to a big battle soon in the region southeast of Haicheng.

OFFICERS ESCAPE FROM PORT ARTHUR.

Liao Yang, June 14.—The two officers who escaped from Port Arthur and arrived here on June 11th, after crawling through the Japanese lines for four days, brought important dispatches from Lieut.-General Stoessel, commander of the Russian military forces at Port Arthur, to Viceroy Alexieff. The general reports that the troops composing the garrison of Port Arthur are in excellent spirits, and says the band plays regularly in the park, and that Port Arthur has not the appearance of a besieged fortress.

TWENTY-EIGHT JAPS KILLED AND WOUNDED.

Tokio, June 14.—4 p. m.—While the Taihoku was engaged in laying mines at the entrance to Port Arthur last night a mine exploded, killing one officer and eighteen men, and wounding two officers and seven men.

The Taihoku, which is a naval transport, was not seriously damaged.

MORE SUBMARINES FOR JAPANESE NAVY.

New York, June 14.—The Americans say: "Captain Simon Lake, the inventor of the lake submarine boat Protector, sails to-day on the North German Lloyd steamer Kaiser Wilhelm for Europe. He goes to meet the Protector, which the Lake Company has sold to the Japanese government."

"A stockholder of the company said last night that he understood the Mikado's government paid the Lake Company \$250,000 for the Protector and the patents from which she was constructed."

"The Protector is on her way to Spez. Engineer Wilson and Electrician Evans, of the Lake force, are with her. These two men, with Captain Lake, had charge of the Protector in the trials off Newport last winter when a United States army board approved of the Protector."

"Captain Lake will himself be given a complimentary commission in the Japanese navy. He says he is violating no neutrality laws. Others of the Lake working force have left Bridgeport, and it is believed they are on their way to the Orient via San Francisco."

"Five submarines of the Lake type, now being constructed at Newport News, will be shipped to Japan in parts and put together in that country by Captain Lake and his workmen."

"Captain Lake said last night he might be away for months, and it was possible he would never return."

RUMORED REPULSE OF JAP BATTALIONS.

Haicheng, Manchuria, June 11.—(Delayed in transmission).—A flanking movement of the Japanese around the Russian left from Feng Huang Cheng, June 9th, was repulsed with a loss of two whole battalions.

A large Japanese force moved out in the morning along the Feng Huang Cheng and Haicheng road. The Russians had a force strongly posted in a ravine thirty miles southeast of Haicheng. The Japanese were preceded by two battalions, who walked into the Russian ambush.

They received a murderous rifle and artillery fire at close range and were wiped out, only one or two escaping. The main Japanese force, which was greatly superior to the Russian force, tried to outflank the Russians, who drew off with out losing a man. The Japanese, closing in, found the ravine vacant, save for their own dead.

GREAT BRITAIN AND WEI-HAI-WEI.

London, June 14.—It appears from a question and answer in the House of Commons to-day that the fall of Port Arthur will mark the end of British tenancy of Wei-Hai-Wei. Earl Percy, the under secretary, informed the House to-day that under the Anglo-Chinese convention of 1899 Great Britain's lease of this Chinese port was only valid so long as Port Arthur remained in the occupation of Russia.

LAST TWO CLASSES TO JOIN THE COLORS.

Petrogradsk, Russia, June 14.—The last two classes of the reserves of this district have been called out.

RESERVES CALLED OUT AT VERENEZH.

Verenezh, Russia, June 14.—An Imperial order calling out the reserves of this district has been published.

TWO THOUSAND MEN WANTED AT BOBOFF.

Boboff, Russia, June 14.—The partial mobilization of the reserves in this district has been proclaimed. Two thousand reserve men are wanted from here.

ITALIAN MINISTER REFUSED DECORATION.

Seoul, June 14.—Signor A. Monao, the Italian minister to Korea, has refused the decoration granted him by the Em-

peror at the time he decorated the other members of the foreign diplomatic corps. His refusal is based upon the fact that while the other ministers received decorations of the first class, his belonged to an order of the second class.

FOR USE OF TROOPS DURING WET WEATHER.

St. Petersburg, June 14.—The war office has adopted the recommendations made by Lieut. Botkin embodying the use of the United States army model tents. These are convertible into ponchos for the protection of the troops during the rainy season. Orders have been telegraphed to Manchuria to equip as many of the ordinary tents in use now, so as to protect the men from rain during the day without impeding their movements and afford them shelter at night.

London, June 14.—The Central News has received a dispatch from its Liao Yang correspondent, under to-day's date, saying that heavy fighting between the Russian and Japanese vanguards commenced at 1.40 o'clock this afternoon. The fighting extended along the entire front, assuming the dimensions of a general engagement. The correspondent says that no details are available.

RUSSIAN FORCE HELD ITS POSITION.

St. Petersburg, June 14.—Emperor Nicholas has received the following telegram from Lieut.-General Baron Skabelberg, bearing to-day's date:

"A battle began at noon around the Russian position four and a half miles south of the station of Vafanhou (Vafangow). The enemy made repeated attacks and attempted to drive in our left flank. The attack was repelled and the position held. The first regiment occupied the left flank of our position and sustained severe losses. Its commander, Colonel Khavastouff and Adjutant Sub-Lieutenant Dragoslav Nadochinsky were killed. General Gerniss was wounded, a shrapnel bullet shattering the right side of his lower jaw, but he remained on the field."

REPORT OF SECOND DAYS FIGHTING.

St. Petersburg, June 15.—3.46 a. m.—The general staff remained in session until almost 2 o'clock this morning, to translate and give out Lieut.-General Baron Skabelberg's message announcing the fight at Vafangow. It is thought that the Vafangow affair may prove to have been quite a heavy fight. The fact that the Russians held their position in the face of heavy losses also supports this theory, and it is believed that it may turn out to be a severe check to the Japanese northeastern advance.

The movement of 3,000 Japanese north of Kuandianien only adds to the blindness of the situation in the northeastern field of operations. It is unquestionable that the Cossacks have been worrying Japanese north of Feng Huang Cheng, and the movement may be merely an effort to clear the country. At the same time, the movement holds the possibility of a demonstration against Mukden, one of the main roads leading directly from Mukden toward the region to which the Japanese are now advancing.

The consensus of opinion, however, is that the advance is more in the nature of a demonstration than as preliminary to an actual attack.

A special dispatch from Liao Yang, dated June 14th, says: "Yesterday (Monday) at the battle of Vafangow, Japanese troops numbering 20,000 tried to pass our flank, but were discovered. We changed our position, flanking the Japanese, and opened a heavy fire. The result is unknown."

The same correspondent in a later dispatch says: "To-day (Tuesday) the battle continued. The Japanese have opened a heavy fire on our centre. On the night of June 12th, southwest of Vafandien, the Cossacks came in contact with the Japanese and drove them from their position. We lost two men. The Japanese losses were 15 men and 20 horses."

The date of this dispatch does not agree with the Associated Press dispatch from Liao Yang or with Lieut.-General Baron Skabelberg's message to the Emperor, both of which indicate that the battle took place yesterday (Tuesday). It is thought improbable that there have been two actions.

JAPS ARE ACTIVE ALL ALONG THE LINE.

St. Petersburg, June 14.—Emperor Nicholas has received the following dispatch from General Konoapatkin, dated June 13th:

"This morning the advance of two Japanese divisions was discovered northward from Polandien. The advancing forces at 2 p. m. were observed to extend from the village of Vandou, along the valley of the Tassa, one division advancing by the Tassa valley. The enemy halted at 4.30 p. m., occupying the village of Taotia, Tungchang, Tsatung and Laitsiatung and the heights south of Vandou. I have not received details of our losses to-day, but Lieut. Tcherahakin and several soldiers were wounded. According to our intelligence no advance of Japanese from Siyen toward Taling Pass was observed to-day."

fighting lasting until morning, our detachments took possession of the pass and heights near the village of Luitsiatung. Our losses in these nocturnal encounters were four soldiers killed, and 18 wounded.

"During the evening of June 8th Lieut. Lang, who engaged in a reconnaissance in the neighborhood of Ontacheta, ten miles northeast of Aiyangment, was attacked by two companies of Japanese. He succeeded in forcing his way through after a hand-to-hand fight. According to information 3,000 Japanese are marching northward toward Huayensiang."

It is not believed here that the Russian plans contemplate a serious attempt to hold Newchwang, north of Feng Huang Cheng. The Japanese are moving. The war office has advised consimulatory of their abandonment of Saimatsza, north of Feng Huang Cheng, and east-southeast of Liao Yang. On the contrary the latest reports are to the effect that the Japanese hold Saimatsza throughout, reaching as far as Feng-shylin Pass, about the east of Liao Yang, which is held by the Russians. A Japanese force of 3,000 men are reported near Hunpianjiang, 30 miles from Saimatsza. The Japanese are fortifying Feng Huang Cheng.

NAVAL ENGAGEMENT IN KOREAN STRAITS.

Tokio, June 15.—The Vladivostock squadron is reported in the Korean Strait. Firing has been heard on the Tanshinan, a small island lying off the southwest of Honshu Island. It is possible that an engagement is progressing. The entrance to the harbor at Port Arthur, having been cleared of obstruction is now open for the passage of ships in and out. Yesterday, the Russian protected cruiser Novik steamed out to sea and engaged vessels of the Japanese blockading fleet.

Private advices have been received here from Katsunoda, a town at the north end of Okinawa Island, in Krasnoyarsk Strait, to the effect that an engagement was in progress between Japanese and Russian warships.

THREE RUSSIAN SHIPS TAKE PART IN FIGHT.

London, June 15.—A dispatch to the Central News from Tokio filed this (Wednesday) afternoon says a naval engagement is now in progress off Tanshinan Island, in the Korean Straits, between three Russian cruisers, which escaped from Vladivostock, and a number of Japanese ships. No details have yet been received. The Central News dispatch adds that the Vladivostock squadron was reported June 14th from Okinawa Island, off Kiota, Japan, in the sea of Japan. Later in the day cannonading was heard northwest of Nagato, on the Japan coast in the Straits of Korea. The captain of a Japanese merchant ship reports this morning that his ship was fired upon by a Russian warship.

Heavy cannonading was heard early this morning in the neighborhood of Okinawa Island, and subsequently came news of the engagement already referred to in the Tokio dispatch.

RESULT OF BATTLE IS NOT YET KNOWN.

Nagasaki, June 15.—4 p. m.—A Russian naval squadron was lately sighted off Okinawa Island and Yamaguchi Ken, and sounds of firing, it is now stated, were heard yesterday off Okinawa Island.

A telegram from Okinawa Island says that Japanese warships have engaged a Russian squadron near there, and that the result of the encounter is not yet known.

NO NEWS AT THE RUSSIAN CAPITAL.

St. Petersburg, June 15.—3.35 p. m.—No information is obtainable here regarding the reported engagement between the Russian Vladivostock squadron and a Japanese squadron in the Korean Straits, but it is quite likely that a naval fight has occurred or is about to occur. Vice Admiral Skrydloff has left Vladivostock with the armored cruisers Gromoboi, Rossi and Rurik and some torpedo craft.

As this fact is already known abroad the Associated Press betrays no confidence here in making this definite announcement.

If the report that the Russian protected cruiser Novik made a sortie from Port Arthur yesterday is true, it demonstrates that the entrance is free, and doubtless was preliminary to the egress of the whole squadron for the purpose of effecting a junction with Skrydloff's squadron. The news of a decisive battle may therefore arrive at any hour.

Before Admiral Skrydloff left Vladivostock the Russian protected cruiser Bogatyr, which went on the rocks off Cape Gamova, was hauled off and towed into the harbor of Vladivostock. She is now in dock.

FLEET WAS SIGHTED OFF PORT ARTHUR.

Chefoo, June 15.—Noon.—The captain of a steamer which passed through the Gulf of Peichili last Monday night reports seeing the searchlights of a large fleet, also flashes from their guns, 28 miles southwest of Port Arthur. This observation was made, the captain states, between 10.30 o'clock on Monday night and 3 o'clock Tuesday morning. He was unable to discern the lights of any opposing vessels.

FIVE HUNDRED PERSONS PERISHED

Fire on Steamer Carrying Excursionists to Long Island Sound--Most of Victims Were Children.

New York, June 15.—Five hundred persons, mostly children, perished to-day by the burning of the excursion steamer General Slocum near Hell Gate in the East river.

The Slocum, having on board the annual Sunday school excursion of St. Mark's German Lutheran church of this city, was on her way up the river to-day to a resort on the Long Island sound.

When just off about 125th street, persons on shore saw smoke and flames spring from the upper part of the crowded steamer. A panic ensued on the boat almost immediately. The crowds on the forward deck, panic stricken, began to spring overboard or to crowd to the after part of the boat.

The screams of the terrified passengers could be heard on shore and hundreds of small boats immediately put off to the rescue.

Owing to the rocks on either side of the channel at this point, it was impossible to beach the vessel. The captain stuck to his post and steered the vessel straight through Hell Gate for North Brother Island, where she went ashore in the shallow water.

First Bulletins.

New York, June 15.—Information has reached police headquarters that a large excursion steamer is on fire in the East river off 138th street. It is reported that people are jumping into the river from the boat.

It is reported that the burning steamer is the General Slocum. Soon after the report reached police headquarters, a call was sent for five ambulances, and inspectors were sent out to take charge of a detail of harbor police, which was ordered to the scene.

The General Slocum left to-day with an excursion from St. Mark's, and while in Hell Gate the boat caught fire, and it is reported that one hundred persons were burned.

Eye-Witness's Story.

New York, June 15.—Five hundred feet of open water lay between the point where the General Slocum went aground and shore, and many persons perished either in the water or on the burning vessel after she was beached.

It was estimated that the steamer carried more than 2,000 persons.

The General Slocum is the largest excursion steamer in these waters. She has plied for years to Rockaway beach, and could carry about 4,000 passengers. The latest report is that at least 500 persons have been burned. Many were rescued by tugs and other vessels, which

tion of contraband goods for either of the belligerents. Complaints have been made that the Japanese are drawing a supply of fresh provisions from here.

A letter received here from Liao Yang says that the Russians are not downcast over the recent reverses north of Kinchow, which have not been confirmed.

REPORTED ATTACK IS NOT CONFIRMED.

St. Petersburg, June 15.—A dispatch from Mukden says that the Japanese army besieging Port Arthur is in line at Yingchingse and Wang Fang Tien, and that there are daily skirmishes between the outposts.

The correspondent says that the rumors of an assault on Port Arthur have not been confirmed.

RUSSIANS REJOICE OVER NEWS OF VICTORY.

Newchwang, June 15.—4 p. m.—There are persistent rumors here of severe fighting south of Kaichan, which it is impossible to confirm. Of three trustworthy messengers sent out on the night of June 12th, two returned having been unable to pass the Russian lines at Kaichan, and the other is expecting to arrive early to-morrow.

The two who have returned learned nothing except that the Russians are becoming more strict about allowing natives to pass their lines.

Twenty hospital carts passed here this morning, travelling southward. The trains are running six miles south of Kaichan.

A report upon the very highest authority direct from Mukden says there are over twenty thousand Russian troops there, with forty thousand additional men encamped at Liao Yang.

It is believed here that the Russians are moving a force of sixty-five thousand men south only to make it appear as though they were attempting to relieve Port Arthur, and upon the first encounter with the enemy it will be withdrawn north again.

A private telegram received here by a German resident late this afternoon from Chefoo said that the Japanese had suffered severe defeat at Port Arthur, and the Russians in town are celebrating the news to-night. The Siberian troops are now constructing a deep moat surrounding Liao Yang upon all sides, three miles from the town, and are mounting artillery upon the adjacent hills.

Ships arriving from Shanghai and Chefoo report passing a Japanese cruiser five miles out from Kaichan.

JAPANESE KILLED BY RUSSIAN SHELLS.

Chefoo, June 15.—Noon.—A Russian merchant who was at Kinchow at the time of the recent battle there, and who accompanied the Russian army on its retreat to Port Arthur, has arrived here in a junk. He says that the Russians had no permanent fortifications at Kinchow, but simply trenches; the country around had been mined, forcing the Japanese to take to the water. When they did so the Russian gunboat Bobr was taken to the head of Taitienwan Bay, from whence she threw shells across the narrow neck of land, killing hundreds of Japanese. The Russians suffered more from the fire of the Japanese gunboats than from the artillery and infantry fire.

The people of Port Arthur, the Russian merchant states, are confident and ready for the final test of strength by the opposing armies. The town is quiet.

All the soldiers have gone to the front. Thus far there have only been skirmishes between Dalny and Port Arthur.

The Russian merchant states that, as far as he could see and learn, all the crippled Russian warships at Port Arthur, with the exception of the battleship Pobieda, had been repaired.

MORE REINFORCEMENTS FOR KOUROPATKIN.

St. Petersburg, June 15.—1.40 p. m.—The appointment of Lieut.-Gen. Leonidas Dembowsky as commander of the Fifth East Siberian army corps is evidence that larger reinforcements are to be placed at Gen. Konoapatkin's disposal. The four corps originally formed of Siberian troops are mobilized in Man-